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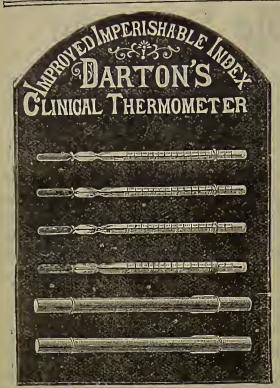
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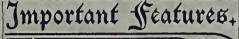


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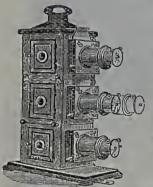
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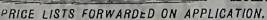
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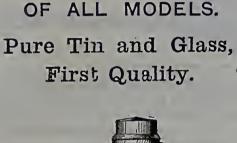
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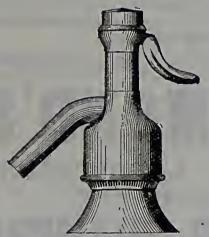
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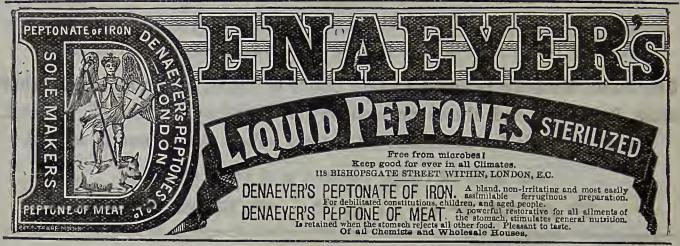
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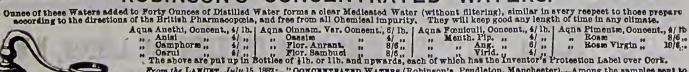
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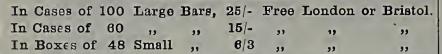
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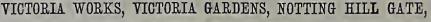
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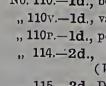
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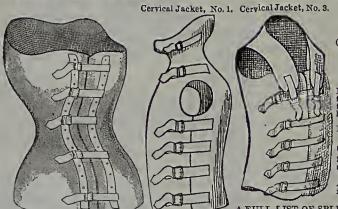
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#### POST-CARD COMPETITIONS, 1890. THE PILL-MILL.

We ask competitors this month to estimate the average number of pills supplied to the public every day in the British Isles. They can reckon from a week's trade how many of their own stock pills they sell daily, how many factory-made pills they have sold, how many they dispense, and about how many are contained in the patent medicines they supply. Finding thus their own daily average, they may roughly multiply this by 10,000 for the quantity sent out by chemists, and this total must be further very largely developed by adding what they think medical men, grocers, and others send out. We only want for competition the one total figure in numerals. This must be stated exactly, not in dozens or grosses or thousands. We shall add all these figures together, and give the usual guinea prize to the competitor who gets nearest to the average.

No card will be admitted which reaches ns after Feb-

ruary 28, and no person may send in more than one card.

#### FRENCH PHARMACEUTICAL NEWS.

(From our Paris Correspondent.)

AUBRESPY'S BLACK LICORICE FACTORY, at Uzès, near Avignon, has been entirely destroyed by fire. The losses are estimated at over 200,000f., partly insured. The disaster will leave 200 men out of employment.

THE XIXME SIÈCLE AND THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST. -M. Raoul Lucet (R. L.), the able scientific editor of the XIXme Siècle, is gently sarcastic towards you in an article published in that journal on Monday last. Under the title of "Epicerie Antiseptique" M. Lucet repeats some previously expressed doubts of the "great discovery of the presented antiseptic virtue of the aromatics," and supports his scepticism by publishing the translation of cism by publishing the translation of a communication which appeared in THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST (February 8, page 203), in which Mr. C. A. Serre gives his experiences of influenza. The translation has been supplied, says R. L., by one of the readers of his journal, M. E. de Franciesi, but it must be said that it is a little loose. For instance, the people first attacked, said the writer, were dealing with "antiseptics, essential oils, &c."; this is rendered "antiseptic essences." Other slight inaccuracies occur, but of conrse the letter supports R. L.'s views. But, he adds, "this does not prevent the same journal from proclaiming on another page the infallibility of thymol, camphol, and other babioles against influenza. Thus it is that therapeutics, like history, are written." I do not find this proclamation in the same journal, either in the text or among the advertisements. But even were it the case, the same apparent contradiction is common in all scientific papers, when all sides are free to express an opinion on disputed points. R. L.'s conclusion, however, cannot be gainsaid. The Sphinx of influenza has not disclosed its secret to the disciples of Æsculapius.

THE "OFFICIERS DE SANTÉ" MUST GO.—Physicians of this category are to doctors of medicine what pharmacists of the second class are to their brethren of the first class. Lacking the preliminary education necessary to take the baccalaureate degree, they are relegated to the second rank, limited in their practice to one department of the Republic, forbidden to perform serious surgical operations, and debarred from acting as experts before the courts. Worse than all, the new military law refuses them the partial exemption which is granted to candidates to the doctorship and enables these to pursue their studies. They, poor fellows, must serve their three years in full. The only advantage left them is the lower cost of their inferior diploma. But even that gives umbrage to the doctors, who want to abolish "officiers," just as pharmacists of the first class try their best to extinguish those of the second, as well as herbalists. The Medical Bill now before Parliament edicts for them "la mort sans phrases," and Minister Fallières, on being consulted by the committee in charge of the Bill, gave it as his opinion that there was no objection to the measure, only he thought it hardly necessary to abolish by law officiers de santé, as they will surely abolish themselves by natural extinction, the new military law virtually rendering their college training impossible. The ministerial provisions cannot well be disputed, yet the modest "officiers," like pharmacists of the second class, have their usefulness in social economy. Although a knowledge of Greek, Latin, mathematics, and such, may not seem essential to make a good physician or pharmacist, experience and college statistics have shown that students unprovided with the baccalaureate degree—and all intelligent boys now can readily secure a scholarship—prove in the faculties and colleges intellectually inferior to their better-equipped fellows. Nevertheless, when graduated, they are far from insufficient or incapable; besides, holding more modest views, they form the main reliance of most country towns and villages. The Parlia-mentary committee think doctors of medicine will take the place of the discarded officers. No one can tell, but it hardly looks like it, as official statistics just published show that during the past ten years, although the number of medical students has nearly doubled (3,500 to 6,455 for the whole country), the number of graduates has decreased from 690 to 580. At this rate, country people will soon have for sole medical attendants farriers and quacks.



CONDUCTED BY RICHARD J. Moss, F.C.S., F.I.C.

#### QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS.

A MIXTURE of two salts will again form the subject of the exercisc in qualitative analysis. The mixture is to be submitted to a thorough systematic examination; its constituents are to be detected, and all other substances proved absent.

Students' applications for portions of the mixture will be received up to Wednesday morning, February 26, and the

samples will be forwarded immediately.

Students' reports will be received up to Saturday morning, March 8. Each report should contain a concise account of the work done, and should include a list of the constituents detected, distinguishing any which may be regarded as accidental impurities.

#### REPORTS.

The subject of the last exercise in qualitative analysis was a mixture consisting of 9 parts of mercuric chloride and 1 part of ammonium bromide.

The calculated composition of this mixture was :-

Hg	• •	• •		 	66 42
NH,				 	1.81
C1	••		••		23.58
Br		• •	••	••	8.16
					100.00

Last month we had occasion to call attention to the fact that the constituents of the mixture of sodium pyroborate and magnesium sulphate had been detected by almost every one of our correspondents. The constituents present in smallest quantity in this mixture were magnesium, 1.95 per cent., and the sulphuric radicle, 7.81 per cent. On the present occasion we have a mixture containing 1.84 per cent. of ammonium, which was detected by only four students, and 8.16 per cent. of bromine, which but one of our correspondents succeeded in detecting. The other constituents were present in quantity, and were detected by every one, with one exception in the case of chlorine.

It is clear that this proved too difficult an exercise for most of our contributors. The detection of the bromine did not present any serious difficulty, inasmuch as the ordinary methods of operation gave clear and satisfactory results. But these methods must be employed intelligently, and they require some skill. When silver nitrate was added to an aqueous solution of the mixture there was a copious precipitate; on testing the solubility of this precipitate in nitric acid it was found not to dissolve, but on treating it with ammonia the greater part dissolved immediately, leaving a distinctly yellow residue, which was difficultly soluble in ammonia. This pointed at once to the presence of chlorine, and the probable presence of either iodine or bromine. To another portion of the aqueous solution a little starch paste was added and a few drops of chloroform. Chlorine water was now added, drop by drop, and the liquid agitated after each addition, to bring the chloroform into more intimate contact with the solution. It was presently found that the chloroform had acquired a brown colour, without any perceptible blue tint being imparted to the starch. Bromine was thus shown to be present and iodine absent. The chlorine should be added until it is in excess,

but if at once added in excess there is risk of producing a compound of the bromine with the chlorine, which would prevent its recognition.

The detection of the ammonium was a more difficult problem. The volatility of the mixture pointed to the absence of a number of metallic radicles, and the possible presence of comparatively few, amongst which was ammonium. But on applying the ordinary tests, none but the faintest indications of ammonium could be observed. It required sensitive test-paper to detect the trace of ammonia that was evolved when a portion of the mixture was boiled with a solution of caustic potash. The calcium hydrate test gave no better result. It occurred to one of our correspondents-the student who obtained the first prize-to see if anything scparated when the original mixture was treated with ether. Knowing that mercuric chloride was present, and that it was soluble in ether, it was possible that something not soluble in ether might be contained in the mixture that might be separated in this way. The result was quite satisfactory, and the ammonium bromide was separated with but little admixture of mercuric chloride, and it gave the usual reactions without any trouble. Another method which gave good results was to examine the filtrate from the sulphuretted hydrogen precipitate; this being free from mercury, its examination for ammonium presented no difficulty.

Some students will say that there is nothing in their textbooks about the interference of mercury in the detection of ammonium. This is quite true, and we must plead guilty of having given an exercise of unusual difficulty; but the fact which this exercise so clearly brings to light is worth knowing, and this must be our excuse for the trouble we have given our correspondents this time.

#### PRIZES.

The First Prize for the best analysis has been awarded to A. L. DORAN, 1 Goldsmith Terrace, Bray, co. Wicklow.

The Second Prize has been awarded to P. H. Burton, 397 Cambridge Road, N.E.

#### Marks Awarded for Analyses:

A. L. Doran (1	st priz	e)		90	H. G. Woodliffe				50
P. H. Burton				83	Oxford				50
Nosreap			~	85	Haron		••		50
Repose				82	Peter				50
H. W. Colley	••			70	Ert .				48
H. Bowden	••	•••		65	Faba	••	••	••	45
F. English	•••			60	S. H. Tootle	•••		• • •	45
F. H. B	••	••		60	C. Birch	••	•••	••	45
W. B. Bell .	••	••	•••	60	Carbo Ligni	••	•••	••	45
Nurret		••	•••	55	Danwer	••		•••	45
T. Guttridge	•••		•••	55	Dexter		•••		42
Saponis	••	••	•••	55	Argol	••		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	40
Ajax		••	•••	55	Silver		•••	••	49
W. H. Goy			•••	55	W. L.	••	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•	38
Gwilym	••	••		55	F. W. Fowan	••	•••		40
A. Shaw	••	••	•••	53	A. P		•••		35
A. Howard	••	•••		53				••	00
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#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Prizes.—The students to whom prizes are awarded are requested to write at once to the Publisher, naming the book they select, and stating how they wish it forwarded.

Any scientific book that is published at a price not greatly exceeding haif-a-guinea may be taken as a first prize.

Any scientific book which is sold for about five shillings may be taken as second prize.

- • All communications should include the names and addresses of the writers.
- P. H. Burton.—The way in which your report was drawn was quite satisfactory.

H. BOWDEN. - You deserved better success, as your work seems to have been dono with earc; but this exercise presented unusual difficulties.

F. ENGLISH.—The presence of potassium was not compatible with the complete volatility of the mixture.

W. B. Bell. —If arsenic had been present it would have been recovered from the ammonium sulphide solution in the form of tersulphide, which is of a bright yellow colour. The precipitate you obtained on adding an excess of hydrochloric acid to the ammonium sulphide was white, showing that it consisted of sniphur only.

NURRET.—If ferric chlorido had been present the mixture would not have been white, nor would it have yielded a colourless solution when dissolved in water.

AJAX.—The fact that the mixture was readily soluble in water, and that this solution gave no precipitate on dilution, made the presence of bismuth

CWILYM.—If you had continued the heating of the mixture a little louger, you would have found that it was completely volatile, and therefore could not bave contained a salt of sodium.

A. Shaw.—The aqueous solution of mercuric chloride reddens litmusraper. If boracic acid had been present you ought to have been able to obtain the reaction with turmeric paper and the green coloration of the

A. HOWARD.—When heated with sulphurio acid the mixture evolved hydrochloric and bydrobromic acids in small quantity, the mercuric compounds being for the most part volatilised nuchanged. Various irritating odours are frequently mistaken for acctic acid, but if compared directly with the small of acetic there is not much risk of error.

Oxford.—The change which you observed in the colour of the precipitate produced by sulphuretted hydrogen is characteristic of mercury. If arsenic had been present, you ought to have been able to separate it from this precipitate, and to identify it.

ERT.—You had almost detected the bromine; with a little more care you would probably have recognised it. You did not completely separate the mercury by means of sulphuretted hydrogen.

FABA.—The transient green coloration which the mixture gave to the Bunsen flame was not in the least suggestive of potassium. Moreover, as the mixture was completely volatile, a potassium salt could not be present.

C. Birch.—If a citrate had been present, the mixture would have carbonised when heated.

Danwer.—It is worth while to prepare a solution of mercuric chloride, and pass sulpharretted bydrogen through it, to observe the very characteristic transition of colonr of the precipitate from white to black. The colonr which you describe as yellow was one of the stages of this transition.

ARGOL.—The presence of a sulphide along with a mercuric compound is not consistent with the white colour of the mixture and its solubility in water.

SILVER.—If the mixture contained a carbonate, its aqueous solution would have effervered on the addition of hydrochloric acid.

W. L.—If the mixture had the composition you assigned to it, it would not have been volatile and soluble in water.

F.W. LOWAN.—We did not observe the slightest trace of blackening when the mixture was heated with strong sulphuric acid, nor was the odonr evolved at all like that of burnt sugar.

A. P.—Your report was too condensed. Heated on platinum foil or in a porcelain dish, the mixture volatilised completely. This fact disposes of several of the substances you detected.

## Metropolitan Reports.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S CHEMIST.—At the weekly meeting of the London County Council, held at the Guildhall on Tuesday, the Council Chamber and Offices Committee reported that the chemist had complained that the rooms allotted to him at No. 8 Spring Gardens were unsuited for a chemical laboratory, and that moreover he would shortly require more room in order to efficiently carry out analytical operations in connection with the food supplies to the asylums. He also called attention to the necessity for an experimental photometer room, as important questions on that subject were constantly arising, and at present his apparatus was, owing to want of space, stowed away. Under the circumstances, the committee thought it absolutely necessary that additional premises should be taken to meet these pressing requirements. They recommended that the premises No. 40 Craven Street be taken for 13 years at a rent of 2201. per annum and a premium of 2501., with the option of determining the lease at the expiration of 6 years; and that the solicitor be instructed to complete the arrangements. On the motion of Sir Walter de Souza, chairman of the committee, the report was adopted.

THEFTS FROM A WHOLESALE DEALER.—At Marlborough Street Police Court on February 14, Joseph Davidson (41), packer, Burton Street, Euston Road, and Joseph Rouselle (55), dealer, Westmoreland Street, Marylebone, were charged on remand, the former with stealing three bottles of sauce of the value of 5s., belonging to Messrs. Crosse & Blackwell, of Soho Square, and the latter with receiving the same knowing them to have been stolen. The evidence showed that the prisoner Davidson had been in the employ of Messrs. Crosse & Blackwell for about seventeen years. On February 6 he was followed to a public-house in Hanway Street, where he met the prisoner Rouselle. Davidson handed three bottles of sauce to Rouselle, who put them into a bag. Subsequently the accused were arrested, and at Rouselle's lodgings were found seventeen bottles of Harvey's sauce, twenty-four bottles of Burgess's anchovy paste, nine bottles of quinine pills, a tin of pâte de foie gras, and other articles. Mr. Frederic William Moore, manager to Messrs. Lyle & Co., Italian warehousemen, Old Bond Street, deposed that he had known Rouselle for about two or three years, and was in the habit of buying sauces from him over the counter for ready He had bought goods from Rouselle slightly under cost price. Only on one occasion did he purchase from him anything bearing the label of Messrs. Crosse & Blackwell, and then the witness communicated on the subject with Messrs. Crosse & Blackwell. Rouselle represented to the witness that he was a dealer in sauces, and that he attended auctions, and was thus enabled to buy the goods at a cheap rate. The prisoners were committed for trial.

## Provincial Reports.

Items of news, and newspapers containing matters of interest to the trade, sent to the Editor will much oblige.

#### BIRMINGHAM.

"OPTICAL ILLUSIONS" was the title of a paper read by Mr. F. J. Liverseege at a meeting of the Midland Counties Chemists' Association on Tuesday evening. There was nothing in the paper directly bearing upon pharmaey, but it was attentively listened to by the members, who appreciated it and thanked the author.

A CHEMIST SUMMONED FOR ASSAULT.—At the Balsall Heath police court, Birmingham, on Friday of last week, Frederick Barlow, chemist, Balsall Heath Road, was summoned for assaulting Walter Knight, an agent, while by a cross-summons Knight was also summoned for assaulting Mr. Barlow. The case was not gone into before the magistrates, for when it came on, the summonses were withdrawn on both sides, as it was said proceedings were to be taken in the county court instead.

THE ADULTERATION OF DRUGS .- At the magistrates' court on February 14, before Messrs. Brame and Ryland, George Horton, chemist, of 79 Newtown Row, was summoned at the instance of the health department of the corporation on a charge of having sold sal volatile of less than the requisite strength. The defendant was represented by Mr. H. Glaisyer. Inspector Parker deposed to having purchased 3 oz. of sal volatile from defendant's shop on January 16. He submitted a sample to the city analyst, and his certificate showed that it was 37 per cent. below the strength prescribed by the British Pharmacopocia. Mr. Glaisyer, in defence, said Mr. Horton was in London, and the iuspector was served by his assistant. The drug in question was a household drug, and was in existence long before the British Pharmacopoeia prescribed a certain strength and quality. The substance was a preparation of aromatic solution of ammonia, which had several different degrees of strength and quality, but the general term of sal volatile was popularly applied to all. If the inspector had asked for sal volatile of the British Pharmacopceia he would have received it. bench considered the offence proved, and fined defendant 60s. and costs, and in default one month's imprisonment.—Alfred H. Foster, druggist, 80 Navigation Street, was also summoned. Mr. Montgomery Hooper defended. Inspector

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Parker stated that he visited defendant's shop on January 13, and purchased a sample of saffron. He submitted a portion of it to the city analyst, whose certificate showed that 19 per cent. was calendula florets, dyed the same colour as the genuine article. In cross-examination witness said he could not say what saffron was, and did not think he was obliged to answer the question. He believed that saffron was grown in France and Spain, and that it was picked by hand, but would not say that it was likely the calendula florets would be picked with the saffron, and the difference between them not discovered. The substances might be mixed in growth the same as corn and poppies. He did not know whether the soil would be likely to throw up a spurious substance. Mr. Brame here remarked that the florets were dyed. Witness: It was likely the florets would be contained in the saffron when brought to the country. When he bought the stuff defendant told him that he sold it exactly the same as he bought it. Mr. Hooper, for the defence, said he would not deny that calendula florets were in the sample, but suggested that they got there before it came to this country. He called Mr. Foster, who denied that the saffron was adulterated by him. A fine of 40s. and costs was imposed.—Walter Colley, druggist, 151 Sherlock Street, was summoned for selling saffron adulterated with ealendula florets. Inspector Parker visited the shop of defendant on January 13, and purchased a sample of saffron. The city analyst's certificate showed that it was adulterated with 18 per cent. of calendula florets. Defendant was fined 40s. and costs.

#### LIVERPOOL.

PHARMACEUTICAL STUDENTS' SOCIETY.—On Monday, February 24, Dr. George Tate, F.I.C., F.C.A., will deliver a lecture in the Society's rooms, Colquitt Street, on "The Chemistry of the Yeast Plant," illustrated by microscopic objects. Chair to be taken at 8.30.

Chemists' Association.—There was little business at the last meeting beyond the president's address. Mr. Parkinson mentioned a somewhat intractable mixture which he had been required to dispense, consisting of antipyrin, quinine, decoction of aloes and water. Dr. Symes said if an attempt were made to get the quiniue into solution, he could understand there being some difficulty, but there should be none if the powders were rubbed with the decoction of aloes and the water then added. Mr. Parkinson also endeavoured to get the president's opinion on the draft Pharmacy Bill, but the latter merely said that in looking over it he observed some good points, but it did not go far enough. The members would have an opportunity of discussing it at the next meeting. The aunual dinner of the Association is announced for Thursday, March 6, at 8 P.M., at the Royal Restaurant, 19 Old Hall Street. Tickets, 5s. each, can be obtained from Mr. John Bain, honorary secretary, 122 Robson Street.

MUMMIFIED CATS.—A second consignment of ahout 10 tons of these cats arrived in Liverpool, and yielded a much higher price than the first—viz., 5l. 17s. 6d. per ton against 3l. 13s. 9d. This was probably due to the satisfactory results



of analyses—one sample yielding 36 and another 42 per cent. of tribasic phosphate of lime and  $2\frac{1}{3}$  per cent. of nitrogen, equal to about 3 per cent. of ammonia. Two specimens examined by the writer were very perfect—a head and part of neck, with teeth well preserved, weighing  $3\frac{1}{3}$  oz.; foreleg, with claws and hair in good condition, weighing  $1\frac{1}{2}$  oz. The other, a head and two paws, some-

what smaller. These are represented in the sketch. Mr. Hockin, chemist, Old Hall Street, bought a number of specimens and has them in his window on sale.

#### NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

MR. USHER has disposed of his Westgate Road business to Mr. F. Phipps, who has brightened up the shop con-

siderably, and, basking in the friendly glare of the electric light from the Tyne Theatre across the road, his establishment shows well.

THE CUTTING MANIA has for the nonce shifted its centre of interest eastwards, and Byker residents are now met by the blaze of the simultaneous opening of two large drug stores. Messrs. Inman & Co. (Limited) have opened a branch; and Mr. F. Crossling, a native of this "canny toon," hut now fresh from Aberdeen, gives them ready battle.

MESSRS. BRADY & MARTIN are about to erect on Pandon Dene a factory for pill, suppository, and bougie making, and other work. The new building is to be one of ample dimensions for an increasing trade. Messrs. Proctor, Son & Clague also find it necessary to take large warehouse-room in the rear of their Grey Street premises.

THE INFLUENZA BOOM.—Many drug firms in this city have been sorely taxed to get through the plethora of orders which the unhealty time through which we have just passed has brought to them; and between work, worry, and influenza, many have been laid up. The medical profession has been, however, much worse off, and, despite the advantages of the College of Medicine in providing advanced students, the supply of *locum tenens* has been so inadequate that patients and doctors alike suffered.

WARNING.—We are requested by the Mayor of Morpeth (Mr. F. E. Schofield) to warn the chemists in the North of England against a person who, under pretence of heing his nephew, has already succeeded in defrauding several out of various sums. Newcastle has hitherto been the scene of his operations, but it is possible that he may extend them outside. In two or three cases that have come to light the name "William Fairley" has been given. If the young gentleman appears it is requested that he be promptly handed over to the police.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING OF SHOPS has made rapid strides during the past three weeks, and the companies have already had to set about enlarging the plant and buildings necessary for its production. The incandescent lamp reigns supreme in the city where Swan dwelt, and lamps of various designs, from 500 to 25 candle-power, are in use. One of the two companies is making a bold attempt in supplying at  $4\frac{1}{2}d$ . per unit, a figure much lower than has yet been attempted. The establishment of Messrs. Wilkinson & Simpson, wholesale druggists, is now being fitted up under the supervision of the Gulcher Company.

MESSRS. C. TENNANT & Co. (LIMITED) have fortunately been able for the present to steer clear of a stoppage of their worksthrough a labour dispute. An advance demanded by the men led to notices on hoth sides; but reason has prevailed, and the friendly arbitration of Dr. R. Spence Watson has been successful. No such happy solution has yet been found for the dispute in the Durham coal trade, and in a few days more the struggle may begin. The men's notices expire on Friday, and if the strike goes on incalculable harm will he done to many important industries, local and national.

#### SHEFFIELD.

SHEFFIELD PHARMACEUTICAL AND CHEMICAL SOCIETY.—A meeting of the registered chemists of Sheffield and district will be held on Friday, February 28, at 8.30 p.m., in the Society's rooms, to discuss the Pharmacy Acts Amendment Bill. A resolution will be moved by Mr. G. T. W. Newsholme.

A DOCTOR'S MISTAKE.—An inquest was held at the Sheffield Union Workhouse, on Monday, on the bodies of three infants under five weeks old, the mothers of whom were inmates of the lying-in ward. The children all died in one day, after the administration of powders prescribed for them by Dr. Lewis Hunt, the medical officer of the house. Dr. Hunt, on examination, frankly admitted that the deaths were caused by an overdose of opium, due to a mistake on his part in writing his prescription. Intending to write 10 grains of Dover's powder divided into 20 packets, he unfortunately wrote 20 grains divided into 10 packets. The consequence of the mistake was that each of the powders contained a fifth instead of a twentieth part of a grain of opium, and the former quantity was an excessive dose for infants.

Dr. Hunt expressed his deep regret and pain at this misadventure. This was the first mistake he had made during the 14 years he had been medical officer, and at the time he wrote the prescription he was suffering himself from neuralgia of the stomach.—The jury returned a verdict of "Death from misadventure," and expressed their satisfaction with the manner in which Dr. Huut accepted the entire gesponsibility for his mistake.

#### IRELAND.

A BANKRUPT CHEMIST.—The bankruptey is announced at Dublin of Mr. J. Stewart Stevenson, chemist, late of '73 Sir John Rogerson's Quay.

PATIENT PATIENTS.—"Yes," said the druggist, with conviction, "our wind pills are warranted to at once cure flatulency; several customers have used them regularly for the past twenty years, and could not do without them."

MR. THOMAS MAYNE, M.P., chemist and wholesale photographic supplier, Dublin, has, says the *Freeman's Journal*, applied for the Chiltern Hundreds. His retirement from Parliament is due to private reasons.

BAD MONEY.—Dublin is at present suffering from an epidemie of spurious gold coins, chiefly Jubilee sovereigns. Two well-known city houses have ornamented their counters with two or three received last week.

An Insolvent Union.—The Kilrush Board of Guardians have been served with a writ at the suit of Messrs. Hunt & Co., chemists and druggists, Westland Row, Dublin, late medicine contractors to the union, to recover 2481. 11s. 5d. dne to them for dishonoured cheques issued by the Board in payment of their account.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DUBLIN BRANCH OF THE CHEMISTS' AND DRUGGISTS' ASSOCIATION.—With a view of ensuring a good attendance at this meeting on Friday, February 28, many Dublin houses will close at 6 P.M. on the evening of that day.

TENDERS.—Tenders for a year's supply of drugs, medicines, and surgical appliances are invited by the authorities of the Carlow Union (February 27), by the vice guardians of the Dungarvan Union (February 27), the latter embracing four dispensary districts, and by the guardians of the Belfast Union and dispensaries (February 25).

DISPENSARY MEDICINES.—Arising out of some letters lately published by the Irish press, in which complaint is made of the present dispensary system, pressure is about to be brought to bear on the Local Government Board to appoint one or two travelling pharmacists to make surprise visits to the outlying dispensaries, examine stocks of medicines, take samples for analysis, and keep the contracting druggists up to their tenders, thus ensuring properly-stocked compounding offices, as well as the receipt of drugs of the best quality.

The late Sir Robert Kane.—The death occurred at Dublin on Sunday last, at the ripe age of 80, of Sir Robert Kane, who nearly half a century ago won a high position in the ranks of Irish scientists. The son of a Dublin chemist, his early experience in laboratory studies directed the course of his life work. He established the Dublin Journal of Medical Science, a publication designed by him to promote the study of chemistry and pharmacy, but subsequently had its scope enlarged. Chemical investigation possessed for him a fascination which bore fruit in his appointment of Professor of Chemistry to the Apothecaries' Hall of Ireland. His researches into the nature of the colouring-matter of lichens obtained for him the fellowship of the Royal Society, followed by the vice-regal knighthood. His "Elements of Chemistry," an elaborate, but now obsolete, work, was published in 1842. Previous to his appointment to the presidency of the Queen's College in Cork, he assisted in the formation of the Musenm of Science, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, of which he was the first director. A true type of the old-fashioned Conservative, Sir Robert Kane was popular with men of all shades of opinion, by whom his death is sincerely regretted.

#### SCOTLAND.

#### DUNDEE.

PRIZE ESSAYS.—On Thursday, February 13, the members of the Chomists' Assistants' Association were entertained with essays written and read by Mr. C. T. Duncan (first), Mr. Fred. David (second), and Mr. James Fernie (third). It was expected that the essay on the Progress of Pharmacy, for which Messrs. Burroughs, Welleome & Co. have offered a prize, would have been read; but, instead, the secretary read a telegram from Mr. J. Rutherford Hill, Edinburgh, who was making the selection, intimating his inability to forward the essays in time for the meeting. Thereafter, Mr. George Lunan (Messrs. James Robertson & Co., Edinburgh), who was present, was asked by the president (Mr. Forsyth) to address the meeting, and he did so with much acceptance.

Mr. W. G. Lamont, who for the last year has been principal assistant with Mr. Charles Kerr, pharmaceutical chemist, Nethergate, leaves shortly to take charge of the business of Mr. Hodgeton, pharmaceutical chemist, Brechin, a former employer.

#### EDINBURGH.

A GENTLEMAN WAS HEARD TO REMARK to a news-agent, the other day, that if he could not gct The Chemist and Druggist where he bought his other papers he would buy his other papers where he could get The Chemist and Druggist. Possibly he did not invent the remark, but he used it effectively, and in a good cause.

THE INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC appears to have moved away from the modern Athens. Few eases have been reported during the last week. Many people, however, yet suffer from the effects of an attack. A reaction has set in as regards the consumption of medicines by the public. From the indiscriminate and general dosing of a few weeks ago, the practice of total abstinence would seem to be assumed; the consequence is that chemists say business is quiet at present.

THE NEW PHARMACY ACTS AMENDMENT BILL does not appear to give rise to much excitement here. So far it has been little mentioned; we have all become so much accustomed to regard the passing of any measure of the sort as remote—even should it ever occur—that there is, perhaps, some excuse for a little apathy. There is some regret that Scotland's only representative on the Council was unable to be present at the last Council meeting, as he is strongly interested in the proposed Bill, and his remarks in the discussion would have received great attention north of the Tweed.

#### GLASGOW.

The New Pharmacy Bill.—The measure submitted at the last meeting of the Council, unless modified in certain particulars, will meet with strenuous opposition from the majority of Glasgow druggists. The compulsory curriculum of the Bill, although considered objectionable, is looked upon as innocuous, beside the section by which the right to dispense medical prescriptions is reserved exclusively to registered men. Nor is the alarm confined to the drug trade. Many Glasgow doctors who have shops are seriously disquieted at the prospect, for no one seems to know for certain how such an Act would affect them. Those who are old enough to remember the "seething controversies" which beset the passage of the Act of 1868 predict a recurrence of similar commotions, unless the Society is more communicative as to its intentions and conciliating in its tone than at present it seems disposed to be. The temper of the hour is best summed up in the phrase that if needs be, Glasgow will fight.

FERRIC BROMIDE.—It is almost impossible to keep a solution of ferrie bromide pure. According to L. L. De Koninck, a solution containing excess of bromine begins to show the presence of a ferrous salt as soon as the excess of bromine has been expelled by boiling. Ferrie bromide, free from bromine and from ferrous salt, can only be obtained by passing air through the solution in the cold. The excess of bromine is very tenaciously retained.

### General and Provincial News.

ACOORDING to the *Pharm. Zcit.* the Farbenfabriken, vorm. Fr. Bayer & Co., of Elberfeld, have just taken out trade-marks for two new preparations, called respectively "Losophan" and "Europhon," and patented a new process for the manufacture of benzenyl-ortho-amidotbiophenol. The firm of J. D. Riedel in Berlin have applied for a patent for the separation of ethylic ether from bromide of ethyl.

ARTIFICIAL COFFEE BEANS.—An enterprising firm of engineers in Cologne are now advertising machines for making the artificial coffee beans, to the introduction of which we referred some time ago. In their circular they point out that a mixture of 60 to 80 per cent. of the artificial with 10 to 20 per cent. of the genuine article has all the characteristics, to the eye, of pure roasted coffee beans. Samples of the "Kunstkaffee" are also offered.

ANOTHER CONVENTION.—The silk dyers in Crefeld, Lagenberg, Elberfeld and Barmen (Germany) have adopted a uniform and increased tariff for dyeing. To guard against an infringement of the combination, each member has deposited an accepted bill for 500l., which will be put in circulation against him if he breaks the agreement. The excuses for the increased tariff are the enhanced cost of dyeing materials, coal and wages.

A GERMAN PHARMACIST'S WILL.—The late Mr. Eduard Eschenbach, of Augsburg, in Bavaria, formerly a pharmacist in that place, has given legacies of 20,000 marks each to the local deaf and dumb asylum, the asylum for the blind, and the Ursberg asylum for crétins, 10,000 marks to the Sisters of Mercy, 3,000 marks each to the Catholic orphanage and the crèche, and 2,000 marks each to three associations for the care of the poor.

MISTAKING THE MEDICINE.—It is reported that John Daly, the dynamitard, who is now undergoing a life sentence at Chatham, has had a narrow escape from accidental poisoning. The doctor's assistant administered a dose of belladonna three times in mistake for medicine. Daly was suffering from blistered feet when the poison was administered, and he was at once sent into hospital, where he remained several

THE CASSIA LIGNEA OF INDO-CHINA.—The Annamese authorities have just extended a further concession to the French by granting them the monopoly of the cinnamon (cassia) production in the provinces of Kwang-Nam and Kwang-Nai. There is an enormous export of cassia from Annam to China; in 1888 it amounted to 500,000 kilogrammes. The Chinese have been in the habit of buying it in Annam, and selling it at an enormous profit at Hong

CARBOLIC POISONING.—On Wednesday, February 12, a boy named Jonathan Dyson, aged two years, the son of a bricklayer, of Stannington, near Sheffield, came to a very shocking death. As scarlet fever prevails in the district, Mr. Dyson had his house disinfected by placing carbolic acid in saucers on the floors of all the rooms. On Tuesday the deceased took up one of these saucers and swallowed the contents. Dr. Gyte was summoned and attended to the child, but it died within a few hours of the occurrence.

ACCIDENT TO A CHEMIST.—A serious accident occurred to Mr. Silk, chemist, of Teignmouth, and his servant on Friday, February 14. Mr. Silk heard screams issuing from the kitchen, and on proceeding thither saw the servant, enveloped in flames, rusbing into the court. He forced her into the kitchen and, throwing some woollen clothing over her, succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but not before the girl was seriously burned. Mr. Silk also injured both his hands. The girl's clothes had become ignited through coming into contact with the kitchen range.

SEE TO YOUR GOLD.—An Order in Council has been published, extending until March 31 the time for tendering light gold coins for exchange, under the provisions of the Act of last year. The mode of exchange is also varied, and it is now provided that coins may be tendered during business left for such time prior to the exchange or payment as may be reasonably necessary for examination and weighing, in order to ascertain whether any coin has been illegally dealt-

DEATH FROM PHOSPHORUS POISONING .- On Saturday last an inquest was held at the Royal Kent Dispensary, Greenwich, on the body of John Thomas Diaper, 21, who died at the Miller Hospital on the previous Wednesday, apparently from phosphorus poisoning. The post-mortem examination confirmed the fact. Police-constable Hayward said he found that the deceased purchased a pot of phosphorus paste, price one penny, which could be obtained at any oilman's. The jury returned a verdict of "Suicide while suffering under mental derangement."

THE RIGHT OF FISHING FOR AMBER in the waters of the Kurisches Haff, on the north-east coast of Prussia, will be disposed of by tender on December 1 next for the period of eleven years. The finest amber is found in these waters, and the firm of Stantien & Becker, of Königsberg, the present lessees, are said to have every reason for satisfaction with the contract they made in 1880. Since then the amber-yielding area of the waters of the "Haff" has been largely extended. Competitors for the lease must be able to show that they possess a capital of not less than one million marks, and the minimum annual payment is fixed at 200,000 marks.

THE HOURS OF LABOUR IN THE ALKALI TRADE -A few months ago the alkali workers of Northwich, Sandbach, and Wheelock obtained, by negotiations with Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co., a reduction of three hours of labour by the alteration of their working arrangements from two shifts of twelve hours each to three shifts of eight hours each. change has been felt by the men to be a great benefit, the reduction of hours being only accompanied by a very small reduction in wages. The salt workers, who were not included in the arrangement, have since been negotiating for a somewhat similar reduction, and the directors of Messrs. Brunner, Mond & Co., have recently conceded this demand.

THE CHEMISTS' ASSISTANTS' ASSOCIATION. - We are asked to announce that the annual diuner of this association will be held at the Holborn Restaurant on Thursday, March 6, at 8 P.M., when Dr. A. P. Luff, B.Sc., F.I.C., F.C.S., will preside, supported by Sir Edward Sieveking, M.D., F.R.S., and the President of the Pharmaceutical Society. Tickets may be obtained from any of the officers of the association, from the town representatives of the wholesale houses conuected with pharmacy, or from Mr. F. Ashley Rogers, honorary secretary dinner committee, 29 Chapel Street, Belgrave Square, S.W. The uext meeting of the association will be held on Thursday, February 27, when a paper will be read by Mr. W. L. Williams, A.I.C., on "The polariscope and its applications in pharmacy.

THE PARIS MARKET FOR COLZA OIL has been disturbed by the discovery of extensive frauds by the owner of a great bonding warehouse at Saiut-Ouen, in the environs, named Dumont. He is charged with creating fictitious warrants, and making false declarations as to the stock of oil in his warehouses. The warrants in circulation represent a total of 8,000 tons of oil, and his returns showed a stock of 5,200 tons, while the real quantity held by him is only 750 tons. The frauds were first suspected by a bank, the Sous-Comptoir du Commerce, which had made advances on warrants, and was surprised at the number in circulation. The bank demanded verification of the stock, and on the refusal of M. Dumont addressed a complaint to the judicial authorities. The deficit represents a value of six million francs.

THE NEW WEIGHTS AND MEASURES ACT. -An unexpected difficulty has arisen in the working of the new Weights and Measures Act. By the wording of one of its clauses it is enacted that "The Board of Trade shall provide for the holding of examinations for the purpose of ascertaining whether persons acting or appointed to act as inspectors of weights and measures possess sufficient practical knowledge for the proper performance of their duties." Thus it is found to be necessary, in order to comply with the Act, that men shall be appointed inspectors before they can offer hours at the Bank of England in London, and sball there be | themselves for examination; and when they do offer themselves, of course they may fail. But though the new law provides for the examination of those only who are actually appointed inspectors, it expressly forbids their acting as such until they have obtained certificates.

URANIUM.—The *Times*, again referring to the uranium mines at Grampound Road, Cornwall, states that the result of experimental operations conducted in London is that the uranium ore after treatment yields the yellow sesqui-oxide, which is employed in glass manufacture to produce the golden colour and, in conjunction with other minerals, opalescent tints. The uranium occurs in this form in the ore to the extent, it is said, of from 18 to 29 per cent. The yield of metal at the works is about 18 per cent. from the lode near the surface which is now being worked. The market price of the metal is about 2,000% per ton. It is proposed to substitute the metal for gold in electro-plating, for which purpose it is well adapted. Possessing, as it does, a high electrical resistance, it is also expected to prove very useful in electric light installations. The present works are capable of turning out about half a ton of uranium per week.

Fires.—A fire occurred at the shop of Mr. J. Haden, chemist, 162, Conybere Street, Birmingham, on the 13th inst., but was subdued hefore much damage was done. —Early on the evening of February 18 a fire broke out in the general store of the North British Chemical Company's works, which are situated on the banks of the Forth and Clyde Canal. An alarm was at once given, and the fire-brigade was promptly in attendance. Considerable alarm was at first felt regarding the general store, as it was known that a quantity of oil, waste, and other inflammable stuffs were contained in it; but the efforts of the firemen were successful in confining it to the store, which was literally gutted out. The firemen received much assistance from several of the workmen. The fire was got under by nine o'clock. The full extent of the damage is not known, but is believed to be covered by insurance.

CHEMIST'S ASSISTANT CHARGED WITH SLANDER.—The defendant in this case was a young man of the name of Northwood, son-in-law of Mr. Price, chemist, of Barking and Shadwell, and resided at the branch shop at Barking, where the plaintiff, Mrs. Mary Ann Bedding, acted as housekeeper. The case, as stated by the plaintiff, was that on June 26 last the defendant arrived at the house with Mrs. Price, and the plaintiff was discharged, being paid, in addition to what wages were due to her, a month's wages in lieu of notice. The same afternoon the defendant saw a Mr. Collier, who acted as Mr. Price's assistant at another shop of his in Shadwell, and said to him that "the plaintiff had been continually muddled and in a state of intoxication, and was then in delirium tremens." The plaintiff in cvidence denied that she had ever heen muddled with drink or intoxicated, and stated that she was perfectly sober the day she left; hence the present action. The defendant on being called stated that on the day in question the plaintiff was violent and abusive, and, in his opinion, drunk, and he discharged her, at the same time telling her what for. As she declined to go without more money than he considered due to her, he sent the boy for a policeman, and two sergeants of police came. He had mentioned to Collier that he discharged the plaintiff for being drunk, and that he had on occasions seen her muddled, but he never suggested that she had delirium tremens. Police-sergeants Gartrell and Sayward having stated that when called in they found the plaintiff worse for drink, and shouting. Mr. Justice Stephen summed up, and the jury found a verdict for the defendant.

EXPERIMENTS made by Dr. M. N. Grébant upon dogs with amygdalin and emulsin successively injected into the veins prove that hydrocyanic kills by arresting the respiration, which result occurs before the heart is affected.

PHENACETIN gives, according to J. Lüttke, a red colour when boiled with hydrochloric acid with the addition of a little ferric chloride. This is the best test for its identity. The purity tests most reliable are its solubility in spirit, acetic acid, and hot water, in all of which it should form a clear solution. If it is pure, phenacetin gives no colour with a mixture of bleaching powder and hydrochloric acid.

## Pharmacentical Society of Great Britain.

#### NORTH BRITISH BRANCH.

A N evening meeting was held at 36 York Place, Edinburgh, on Wednesday at half-past eight o'clock. In the absence of Mr. William Gilmour, chairman of the branch, who is convalescent from a rather severe illness, Mr. John Nesbit occupied the chair. The first paper read was on

Notes on Some Gum Samples, By T. Maben.

This paper, which did not profess to be exhaustive, consisted of a series of notes—chemical, pharmaceutical, and commercial—on some samples of acacia and other gums. For information and assistance the author expressed his indebtedness to Mr. E. M. Holmes, Mr. Jackson, A.L.S., and Mr. Hillier, of Kew, and especially to Mr. A. C. Meyjes, of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST, who had supplied most of the samples, as well as valuable commercial notes regarding them. There were twenty-one samples in all, and they compriscd Egyptian, East Indian, West African, Capc, Australian, and Brazilian gums. Commencing with a sample of picked Kordofan gum, which showed the characters of the best acacia gnm, Mr. Maben gave a short historical notice of the course of trade in this commodity during the past few years, and then referred briefly to Geddah gum, Aden gnm, and Gehzirah and Talca gums. Two samples of Senegal gum ("gomme du Bas du Fleuve" and "gomme de Galam") were shown and described, and an account was given of the gum trade on the Senegal river. This trade is entirely in the hands of the French, and some few years ago the Bordeaux merchants formed a syndicate for the control of the article, and succeeded in forcing up the price from 52s. 6d. per cwt. in January, 1885, to 125s. in April, 1888. Since that time there has been a gradually slackening demand, and in the last market report of THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST (February 15) it was stated "that there has been a serious decline. in the price of Senegal gums, both varieties being easily obtainable at 85s. per cwt." Many of the so-called Arabic gums now met with were said to consist of a large admixture of Senegal gum.

There were shown three samples of Barbary or Mogadoro-White Barbary, the best variety of the three, is not unlike Turkey sorts, but is rather dirtier. It is perfectly soluble in water, gives a bright transparent mucilage, free from odour, and keeping well. This white gum is an import of rather recent date, and is thought by some to be a Soudan gum, which now finds its way by a diverted route to the North-West instead of the North-East of Africa. Five samples of East Indian Amrad gums were shown. These have already been described by Mander, and were only briefly referred to. Special attention was drawn to Cape gum, of which three samples were shown. Two varieties of this gum are imported—one the hard brown Cape, which is obtained from Acacia horrida. This has been known for many years, and is described in Pharmacographia; but more recently, since the closing of the Soudan, another variety has been regularly consigned to the London markets. This is "soft white Cape," which is supposed to be gathered in the Northern parts of Cape Colony, beyond the Orange river. A sample of fine picked white Cape showed as fine an appearance as any Kordofan gum, and so like is this to the old Turkey gums that it is thought by some that the white Cape is simply what we formerly received from the Sondan, and which is now brought by Arab traders right across Africa. This is a doubtful hypothesis, however, for if gums found their way so far South we would surely receive some by way of Zanzibar. Australian gum was next touched upon. This gum gives a thin mucilage, which on standing separates, a brownish deposit settling down, with a pale clear supernatant mucilage. The pure gum contains no tannin, but associated with it are pieces of wood, which impart a trace of tannin unless they are removed. The market for Australian gum is limited in this country, but it is said to be employed to a considerable extent in Russia and Sweden. Three samples of Brazilian gum were shown, one of which was sent to Mr. Maben by Mr. E. M. Holmes, from the

museum at Bloomsbury Square. This gum occurs in large dark-amber or dark-brown glassy drops, and is soluble in water. The mucilage made from it is thick, but only moderately adhesive. Ghatti gum was described, and Mr. Mander and Mr. Prebble were quoted for information regarding it. The author did not regard Ghatti gnm with so much favour as Mr. Mander, chiefly owing to the disagreeable mawkish flavour, which he thought would prove an obstacle to its general employment in pharmacy. Oomra gum, or, according to Probble, "Babool gnm," was shown. This gum gives a dark-coloured adhesive viscid mucilage, which for many purposes might be useful. Referring to the relative value of the different gums for pharmaceutical purposes, the author said that the dark-coloured gums, or gums which gave a dark-coloured mucilage, might be at once dismissed from their notice, for, however valuable many of them might be in the arts, or for the purposes of the confectioner, it was obvious that they were unsuitable in pharmacy. There remained not very many to pass an opinion upon, and these he was disposed to place in this order:—Cape gum, Senegal gum, Barbary gum, the paler varieties of E. I. Amrad gums, and Ghatti gum. All of these possessed good emulsifying properties, and gave a clear good-keeping mucilage. A summary of the transactions in gum recorded in The Chemist AND DRUGGIST market reports was given. According to this there had been sold during the last few months:-

£ s. d. £ s. d.
.. at from 1 8 0 to 3 0 0 per ewt. Brazilian gum ... Aden gum, seented ,, 1 10 0 ,, 3 0 0 " unscented .. 3 0 0 ,, 4 10 0 33 -Oomra gum .. .. 2 0 0 , 2 19 0 1 5 0 ,, 3 4 0 1 8 0 ,, 4 14 0 Australian gum .. .. Ghatti .. 33 · Geddah and Talea 4 5 0 , 4 15 0 77 Amrad gums .. 2 0 0 ,, 5 5 . . 9.9 2 0 0 , 5 5 0 Cape 12 Barbary or Mogadore gums ,, 2 2 0 ,, 5 12 6 4 2 6 , 5 15 0 Senegal gum .. .. 31 5 0 0 ,, 16 10 0 Turkey ,,

In addition to these, parcels of Cape gum have been sold for 141. 10s., and Mogadore for 141. 5s., while 251. per cwt.

was asked for a parcel of fine Turkey

The reactions of the various mucilages were gone into. All the samples gave precipitates with alcoholand ammonium oxalate, although with the latter Brazilian and Australian gums gave only faint reactions. With borax, acacia mucilage hardened into a gummy mass; similarly with basic lead and ferric chloride, while it gelatinised and formed a softer mass with silicate of potash. Generally speaking, similar reactions were obtained with Senegal gums, the E. I. Amrad gums, white Barbary, the Cape gnms, and Geddah gum. Barbary brown and Amrad give only a jelly with borax. Australian gum has no reaction with ferric chloride and potassic silicate.; Brazilian gum has no reaction with potassic silicate, but gelatinises with borax and ferric chloride, and slightly with basic lead. Ghatti gum gelatinises with all four, but only slightly with potassic silicate. Oomra gum reacts similarly to acacia, except that it is entirely unaffected by basic lead, and forms a softer jelly with ferric chloride.

The Chairman thought the communication was a very interesting one. Mr. Boa was inclined, from experience, to rank Ghatti gum as higher than Mr. Maben had placed it.

The next paper was on

THE DETECTION AND SEPARATION OF SODIUM FROM LITHIUM.

#### By Isaac W. Thomson.

The author said that there was no absolutely accurate process adapted for common application. He had found sodium chloride to be soluble in strong hydrochloric acid to the extent of 1 in 600 only, while lithium chloride was very soluble, and thought that advantage might be taken of this difference in property to separate sodium from lithium salts. As an example, 10 grammes of lithium carbonate, containing

2 per cent. of sodium carbonate, was pnt into a flask with 100 c.c. of water, and, the gross weight having been noted, the contents of the flask were brought to the boil, made up to the original weight with water, and 50 c.c. taken out. After filtration, this separated portion was evaporated to dryness, and treated with 15 c.c. of strong hydrochloric acid saturated with sodium chloride, cooled, thrown on a filter, washed with 10 c.c. of the same acid, and finally with pure acid. The residue was dissolved in water, and the solution, evaporated to dryness, gave a residue of sodium chloride weighing 0.11 gramme, which was practically equal to 2 per cent. of carbonate. Mr. Thomson made comparative estimations with alcohol and ether, which corroborated the hydrochloric acid result. The presence of sulphate, he ascertained, did not interfere with the method, as it did in the case of the alcohol and ether process.

In the discussion on the paper the Chairman said he generally trusted to the saturating power of the carbonate. Mr. Dott said the test seemed to be a valuable one, and pointed out that for the qualitative determination of small admixtures of sodium the spectroscope gave the best results. Mr. Gibson also spoke well of the hydrochloric-acid process.

Mr. Thomson also communicated a note on a simple pro-

#### ESTIMATING THE ACIDITY OF MILK.

This was an important note to farmers who send milk into large towns, and who are accustomed to add bicarbonate of sodium to it in order to nentralise the free acid. They do this in a rule-of-thumb way, and it was in order to give a simple and fairly exact method of computing the quantity of soda which should be added that Mr. Thomson now brought forward his paper. He made a standardised solution of ammonia, 10 minims of which were equal to 1 grain of sodium bicarbonate. Phenolphthalein-paper was used as an indicator. The method is substantially as follows:—half a pint of milk and 20 minims of the standard solution are put into a test-can. The can is placed in hot water for a few minutes, a piece of the test-paper being fastened to the top of the lid. If the paper becomes pink too much ammonia has been added, and the experiment is repeated with 15 minims of the solution. It may not become pink in this case; if so, the neutral point lies between, and the farmer can calculate near enough for his purpose the amount of soda required to make the milk faintly alkaline. In commenting upon this communication, Mr. Boa said that he knew same dairy farmers, and he thought, from the trouble that the rule-of-thumb method was to them, that Mr. Thomson's suggestion would be very welcome to

#### OTHER COMMUNICATIONS.

Mr. William Lawson, of Bellshill, was down for a paper on "Adulterated Anise Fruit," which was read by Mr. J. R. Hill, the assistant secretary. The point of this was that he had bought a medical practitioner's stock, in which was some anise fruit containing 70 per cent. of starch in grains resembing anise. The assistant secretary cruelly emphasised that the sample was from a medical man's stock.—Mr. George Lunan next called attention to the fact that ammoniated tincture of quinine forms a clear solution with aërated waters. This, explained Mr. Isaac W. Thomson, is because the carbonic-acid gas dissolves the quinine or fixes the ammonia.—Mr. Hill showed how the igniting-point of sulphur could be determined. He made it out to be 250° C. He worked on a suggestion made in the last number of the Chemical News.

This was all the business, and before adjourning to the coffee-room the members were told that at the March meeting papers would be read by Mr. D. B. Dott and Mr. David

Storrar, of Kirkcaldy.

ANTIPYRIN has a wonderful influence in increasing solubility of caffeine, as well as of the salts of quining this respect it resembles the action of sodium benzoate and salicylate, which Tanret has already studied. Twenty grains of caffeine and 30 grains of antipyrin form a perfectly clear solution with sufficient water to make 1 fluid oz. The combination appears to be specially serviceable in the treatment of neuralgia and migraine.

This proposition was actually made in a paper which we received from Mr. W. H. Symons on January 5 last, and published in THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST of February 1. Mr. Thomson explained to the meeting that his own paper was written for a meeting in January.

#### ARSENIC IN GLYCERINE.

AT the monthly meeting of the Manchester Pharmaceutical Association on February 12, Mr. W. Wilkinson, vicepresident, in the chair, Mr. L. Siebold read an important paper, entitled, "A Further Note on Arsenic in Glyccrine." His communication, he said, was to supplement a note on the same subject which he read before the Newcastle meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Conference. He then stated that he had experiments in progress with regard to the question whether or not bottle-glass containing arsenic would yield that impurity, or part of it, to glycerine stored in such bottles. From that time to now he had kept various kinds of bottles, made of arsenical glass, filled with perfectly pure glycerine, and had tested their contents at regular monthly intervals. No contamination had taken place in any instance. He felt satisfied, therefore, that glycerine did not extract arsenic from glass bottles. He had likewise convinced himself that the solder of the tins in which glycerine was stored was not answerable for this contamination, and had little doubt that the latter was wholly referable to the use of impure acids, sulphuric or hydrochloric, in the manufacture of commercial glycerines. As stated in his previous paper, there was no difficulty in obtaining glycerine entirely free from arsenic, the well-known steam-distillation process yielding a thoroughly satisfactory preparation. He might add that certain brands of glycerine which formerly contained objectionable proportions of this impurity were now quite free from it, whilst in certain others the proportion of arsenic was now reduced to an insignificant trace. With regard to the modification of Gntzeit's test for arsenic, which he recommended for testing glycerine, he wished to point out a precantion he found necessary to observe in connection with the use of iodine solution for the destruction of sulphur compounds. Any excess of iodine retarded the reaction, and if this excess should amount to more than a trace, it might serionsly interfere with the proper working of the test, and lead to erroneous conclusions. He would, therefore, suggest that a few drops of freshly-made mucilage of starch be added to the mixture of glycerine and dilute hydrochloric acid, and that an exceedingly weak solution of iodine (about 0.1 gramme per litre) be then added drop by drop until the mixture showed a visible blue coloration. The mixture was then ready for the introduction of the zinc. In this way the destruction of sulphnr compounds was completely attained without the risk attending the use of an appreciable excess of iodine; and the test under these circumstances was absolutely safe and trustworthy even in the hands of inexperienced manipulators. The purity of the reagents should, however, be ascertained by a blank experiment in every case. All further particulars with respect to this test would be found in the "Year-Book of Pharmacy," 1889, page 417. In dealing with this subject before the British Pharmaceutical Conference, he suggested that the test described might also be made the basis of a quantitative process. Since then he had had ample opportunities of satisfying himself that this process was admirably adapted for the purpose, and that minnte traces of arsenic might be estimated by it with greater ease and precision than by other methods. In a recent dispute, whether a certain sample of glycerine sold as perfectly pure contained traces of arsenic or not he was able, by this process, to demonstrate the presence of 1 part of arsenions acid in 48,000 to 50,000 parts of the sample, or 16 grains per cwt. of glycerine. He knew of no other method equally applicable for the determination of such exceedingly minute proportions with anything like fair accuracy. He used a solution of 1 c.c. of liquor arsenici hydrochloricus B.P. in a litre of water, and of this he made additions of various proportions to definite weights of pure glycerine. All that was necessary was to ascertain which of these mixtures gave the same shade or depth of stain on the mercurial test-paper in exactly the same space of time, and under exactly equal conditions in all other respects, as the sample under examination. It was not advisable to work more than two tubes simultaneously, as otherwise it would be rather difficult to ensure absolute equality of conditions as to time. The treatment with iodine should be exactly

the same as recommended above for qualitative purposes. Above all, it was necessary that the proportions of glycerine, dilute acid, and zine, as well as the manner of preparing the test-paper, should be absolutely the same in both cases. With due attention to these details, and a little practice, the test would be found as serviceable for the quantitative determination of these traces of arsenic as it was for their detection. A short discussion followed the reading of the paper, to the author of which the thanks of the association were accorded.

#### HINTS FOR PHARMACISTS.

A T a meeting of the Glasgow Chemists' and Druggists' Assistants' Association on February 19, Mr. A. McKellar read a paper entitled "Useful Hints," the principal points of which are given in the subjoined abstract. The author said he could not claim originality for the observations set down in the paper, but it had occurred to him that some of the practical lessons learned in a varied and sometimes painful, but in the main wholesome, experience, might be of some little value to others at their daily work. Perhaps nothing occasioned more difficulty and vexation to the beginner in pharmacy than the apparently simple operation of

#### CLEANSING MEASURES, &C.

Therefore he would venture to make some suggestions in that connection. His list of detergents was not exhaustive, but he could answer for its trustworthiness.

Character of Stain, &c. Solvent.

Aniline dyes, e.g. fuchsine, marking-ink, &c. Sol. acid. tart.

Deposits in bottles from fluid magnesia

Parrish's syrup, syr. Eastonii, &c. Acid. hydrochlor.

Opium and cinchona preparations

Tr. benzoin co. storax, and most vegetable mixtures

Tar, copaib1, tr. cannabis indice

Old paint and grease stains on clothes

Chloroform.

For cleaning greasy ointment slabs nothing is equal to S.V.M. on cotton, followed by thorough washing with soap The opaque film that occasionally forms in the and water. water bottle, being chiefly of an organic nature, is at oncc removed by sulphuric acid, which also-diluted-instantaneously dissolves off the dirty scum so often found on opal pots, the process being attended by a very palpable evolution of H<sub>2</sub>S. Two of the dirtiest bottles in every shop are those for liq. plumbi subacet. and tr. ferri perchlor. For the former strong acetic acid is recommended, but iodide of potassinm in small quantity, forming iodide of lead, and subsequent rinsing out with ammonia, answers admirably; while for the latter, although hydrochloric acid helps, nothing but hard rubbing makes a good job. The dark stain left in a mortar in which Ethiops mineral has been made is only partially erased by hydrochloric acid, but a liberal application of clbow-grease and a piece of pumice-stone are needed to complete the renovation. The dimness observed in old liquor potassæ bottles being due, as was explained at the last Pharmaceutical Conference, to the chemical action of the alkali on the glass, is not removable. Greasy ointment pots are best treated with dry sawdust, and bone tallies, ink-stained and yellow, are converted into blanched blanks with the aid of dilute hydrochloric acid. For

#### TAKING OFF SOILED LABELS

from customers' bottles—always a crucial test of a druggist's taste and conscientiousness in details—the most expeditious and effective plan is first to wet the label thoroughly, and then cautiously hold the bottle over a gas flame, when as a rule the label will peel off. In some high-class pharmacies a steam jet is used for this purpose, but the humbler method is quite as snecessful. Labels on liniment bottles, &c., are often so soaked with oil that when a repeat is wanted the prescription-book number is indecipherable; in that event rub label lightly with piece of cotton, then moisten with benzine, and dry above a gas flame, when in nine cases out of ten the figures will become

legible. These exhaust most of the commoner stains, and it only remains to add a few odds and ends.

#### A GOOD DESICCATOR

for pills, soft leaves, &e., can be devised by taking a Pears' soap-box, laying a few pieces of quicklime on the bottom, and resting a jujube tin, holding the substances to be dried, on the quicklime bed, the lid of the box being, of course, shut. Quicklime is likewise of great service in preserving books stored in a damp place, several small lumps, occasionally renewed, in a bookcase being an infallible proteetion to the books. For enamelled goods use Brooks's soap, and finally, if your apron string breaks off at an inopportune moment, take any button-sbaped lozenge, wrap it in the corner of the apron, and tie the tape round it. This is a splendid makeshift, and gives the wasberwoman a little innocent amusement, picking out the knot to discover what the knob contains.

#### CONCENTRATED INFUSIONS AND DECOCTIONS. By CHARLES D. MOFFAT.

N this paper, which was read before the Sheffield Pharmaeeutical and Chemical Society, on Wednesday, February 12, the author, after a few introductory sentences, said that one of the commonest complaints against concentrated infusions was that it is impossible to get them, when diluted, to correspond with the official preparations in colour, taste, and smell, but be thought that with due care this fault can be remedied. It is obvious that the same process is not applicable in all cases. Still, many seem to think that because a certain infusion is prepared by pouring boiling water over the drug and macerating, therefore the concentrated preparation corresponding to it is necessarily made by pouring hoiling water over eight times the quantity of drng, and evaporating down to the required volume. A little eonsideration will enable us to see that it is impossible to lay down one rule which is to be followed in all cases. It is only by a knowledge of the drug and its active constituents that we can bit upon the right method of pro-

Another mistake is to judge the strength of a concentrated infusion by its colour. We have a good example of this in belladonna. If a liment were to be prepared with a menstruum containing 20 or 25 per cent. of spirit, the colour would be almost black. We might thus be tempted to suppose that it was stronger than that prepared by the official method. As a matter of fact it is not nearly so strong, as the researches of Dunstan and Ransom go to show. As a rule it will be found that an infusion prepared with evaporation is much darker in colour than if prepared by either pressure or repercolation.

For most infusions the Pharmacopæia directs the use of boiling water. It will, however, be found that in the majority of cases cold water will answer all requirements as well, if not better, for the continued use of heat should be discountenanced as far as possible. It not only spoils the aroma of the preparation, but also impairs its keeping properties. Still, there are several cases in which a preliminary maceration with boiling water, followed by treatment with cold, is advantageous.

The three methods which give the best results are:—(1) Exhaustion with hot or cold water and evaporation; (2) Extraction by pressure, and (3) Repercolation.

I have selected three or four typical examples of each

process, which I will now hriefly allude to. In each of my calculations I have allowed for the use of 20 per cent. of spirit, not that this is necessarily the proper amount to use, but merely for convenience. Iudeed, it will be found that some require more than others. The art of preserving infusions with a minimum of spirit is only known to a few wholesale houses, by whom it is naturally regarded as a trade

As I have before remarked, the nature of the drug must be first earefully considered. For instance "extraction by pressure" would not answer with calumba on account of the starob and mucilage which it contains, causing it to elog. Again, evaporation would obviously prove harmful to such aromatic drugs as easearilla, maties, and serpentary. The first metbod is

#### EXHAUSTION WITH COLD WATER AND EVAPORATION.

Let us take calumba as a type of this. Half a pound of the sliced root is macerated in 30 oz. of cold water for twenty-four hours. It is then strained, and ½ pint having been reserved and mixed with 4 oz. of rectified spirit, the remainder is evaporated in a water or steam-bath. Meanwhile the mare is again treated with water, and, after macerating for a few hours, is strained as before, the product being evaporated. This is continued until the drug is exhausted. It is then reduced to about 6 oz. and heated to the boiling-point, which coagulates albuminous matter, thus causing the infusion to filter more easily and also destroying traces of mould which may bave formed during the process. Finally, it is added to the mixture of spirit and reserved portion, and made up to a pint if necessary. An infusion thus prepared, when diluted with seven times its volume of water, will compare favourably in every way to the fresh infusion.

Most infusions should be heated to the boiling point, as

above directed, but there are exceptions. The reason why a portion is reserved after the first maceration is that the

aroma of the drug is thus preserved.

Quassia is also well adapted for this process, but the wood should not be by any means exhausted, or the infusion will be too bitter and too dark in colour. It is best in this case to boil the water before macerating the quassia in it, so as to prevent it becoming mouldy. One maceration of about forty-eight hours' duration will be found quite sufficient, and evaporation can usually be dispensed with altogether, it being only necessary to strain off the infusion and boil as in the case of calumba.

Under this heading we may also cousider decoction of logwood, which contains cinnamon bark in addition to the astringent. In all cases wherein we have to deal with aromatic bodies, those in a bruised condition must be macerated for a few days in the spirit. We do so with the cinnamon in this case, meanwhile boiling the logwood with successive portions of water until it is exbansted, then evaporating in the ordinary way. When the decoction has been reduced to the required volume (16 oz, if a pint is being made) the tine-ture of cinnamon is thrown on a strainer and the mare washed with the decoction, water being added if necessary to make up to a pint. It is not necessary to boil this deeoction, as it is one of the best keeping preparations of its class.

It is well to note that in all cases where an aromatic is present in an iufusion or decoction, the strength of the spirituous menstruum must be that calculated to extract the essential oil best. Tinctura ciunamomi is prepared with rectified spirit, therefore we use the same menstruum in the case of the decoction just mentioned.

#### EXTRACTION BY PRESSURE.

Dr. Symes, in a paper communicated to the British Pharmaeeutical Conference in 1888, stated that fluid extract of senna, prepared by this method, was much more active than that prepared by percolation and evaporation. His men-struum consisted of spirit and water in eqnal proportion, but he does not state whether the leaves were whole or in powder. A great deal depends on the latter condition for the successful use of the process in the preparation of infusion

It was found by experiment that if the powdered leaves were used, and a menstruum consisting wbolly of water, or containing as much as 25 per cent. of spirit, the result was a failure as far as pressure was concerned, by reason of the mueilage causing the press bag to clog. The following

process will be found to yield excellent results:—
Macerate 448 grains of powdered ginger in 4 oz. of rectified spirit. Mix 1 lb. of senna lcaves thoroughly with a pint of cold water. Allow this to macerate with occasional stirring for twenty-four hours, then press and set aside the product. Again mix the leaves with as much water as, if added to the first product, would yield 16 oz, and macerate for twelve hours. Again press, mix the two liquids, and wash the tincture of ginger with it, finally making up to a

pint with water if necessary. The advantages of this process are, that prolonged heat which is extremely injurious to senna, is avoided, and the product, although somewhat lighter in colour than the ordinary article, possesses an aroma and appearance which are too often sought for in vain. Its therapeutic effects are also well marked. No difficulty will be experienced in the pressure of the whole leaves, since there is no tendency to clog. Although the senna may not be thus completely exhausted, still I claim for the process that it yields an article better in appearance, smell, and therapeutic activity than any other method which I am acquainted with. Complete exhaustion is not the only thing to be aimed at in making a concentrated infusion. The process may be with advantage adapted to syrup of senna.

My next example is buchu, for which I recommend the following method:—In making 1 pint, pour a pint of boiling water over  $\frac{1}{2}$  lb of the bruised leaves, macerating for twenty-four hours. Then press and set aside the product; macerate again, as in the case of senna, with boiling water for twelve hours, and again press and mix the two liquids. The product

will be thick and mucilaginous.

There are now two alternatives. If you think that this mucilage from its demulcent action on the mucous membrane is a desirable constituent in the infusion, there is nothing more to do but to add the spirit and make up to quantity. But if you are of opinion that the medicinal virtue of buchu lies solely in its essential oil, and that the mucilage should be got rid of, the infusion should now be boiled, thereby precipitating all the mucilaginous matter, and it can then be easily filtered through flannel. The finished product is a perfectly bright and elegant preparation. Of course in the first case the spirit would also precipitate the mucilaginous and albuminous matter, but only slowly, and not so completely as boiling does.

My third example is rhubarb, one which gave me considerable trouble until I hit upon the "extraction by pressure" method. I had been accustomed to make it by infusing the roughly-powdered root with boiling water, followed by evaporation; but the product was very unsatisfactory, as it was liable to become mouldy with 20 per cent. of spirit, and, besides being very inelegant in appearance, would not filter.

By the pressure method 16 oz. of cold water is mixed with 4 oz. of the bruised root and macerated for twenty-four hours. The remainder of the process is similar to that of

senna, but boiling must be omitted.

It will be noticed that here a large quantity of menstruum is used in proportion to the quantity of drug; this is owing to the great power that rhubarb has of absorbing and retaining liquids. From the 16 oz. used it is not likely that more than about 8 oz. will be recovered by pressure.

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By the above method the root appears to be completely exhausted, and the product is as good an example of the utility of the process as one could wish for, as it possesses in a marked degree the peculiar odour of the root, and can be readily filtered after a few days' standing; indeed, the greater portion can be poured off bright without filtration

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Amongst others which are specially adapted to this process are digitalis, matico, hop, roses, and bearberry. I mention digitalis because heat is injurious to it, and therefore extraction by pressure with cold water is preferable to other methods. Matico should be in coarse powder, whilst bearberry leaves, being very leathery, should be bruised to allow the water to permeate them. Infusion of roses made by this process gives excellent results, evaporation being entirely unnecessary. Very great care must be taken never to leave the drug long in contact with an iron vessel, as all the infusions, except calumba and quassia, and several of the decoctions, contain tannin.

Under this heading may be said a word about the decoction of broom. The tops should be finely chopped and then infused with boiling water; afterwards the method is similar to that of buchu. The drug yields very well to pressure, which is hardly what one would expect judging from its hardness. Before adding the spirit the decoction should be boiled, and the addition of a few drops of liquor potassæ has been recommended to prevent the deposit of

scoparin.

The last process is

#### REPERCOLATION.

The apparatus for this need not be at all expensive, being of cases largely at fault, thus causing much dissat simply furnished by four or five round glass bottles, the and naturally tending to bring them into disrepute.

bottoms of which have been cut off; of course the size will depend upon the quantity of the drug. It is well to have a wooden stand so constructed that the inverted bottles can be arranged tier over tier to allow the menstruum to percolate through them successively. My first example of this process is compound infusion of gentian, which cannot be prepared by any better process. It is made as follows:—Grate 4 oz. of fresh lemon-peel and macerate in 4 oz. of rectified spirit and 10 drachms of water. Macerate for twelve hours 2 oz. each of gentian root (which should be in coarsely powdered to about the size of peas) and orangepeel, with sufficient water to moisten them. Then pack equal quantities firmly in the percolators, and pour an ounce or two of cold water into the first one. Wait till this has been all absorbed or percolated through into the next, and then add more water, proceeding in the same manner until 15 oz. of liquid, which has passed through the whole series, have been obtained. The tincture e themon is then pressed and mixed with the percolate, the whole being made up to a pint if necessary. Boiling must be omitted, since heat has a very deleterious effect on this infusion.

Infusion of orange is also best made after this plan. It should be ground to a No. "20" powder, and after being moistened with water for twelve hours is packed in the percolators rather loosely, as it has a slight tendency to clog. Its exhaustion is very easily accomplished, and it is very curious to note the different stages of exhaustion in the percolators, by the time the menstruum has reached the last the mare in the first being white and almost tasteless.

My third example is cascarilla. In this case a quarter of the drug, which must be in No. "20" powder, should be converted into a rectified spirit tincture, the remainder being treated on the same lines as orange; but the marc should here be packed as tightly as possible; and the infusion must not be boiled, for that would cause it to lose part of its essential oil, and thus impair its keeping properties; indeed, buchu is the only case in which, an essential oil being a constituent of a drug, it is permissible to boil the infusion prepared from it. Serpentary and jaborandi are two other infusions which are best prepared by repercolation. In both cases they should be in coarse powder.

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Obviously there are several drugs to which two processes are applicable—cascarilla, matico, jaborandi, and serpentary can all be prepared both by pressure and repercolation.

Senega gives very good results from the first process of all. Cold water exhausts it equally as well as hot; but though I have not tried it, I am inclined to think that this drug in coarse powder would give very good results with either pressure or repercolation.

On the filtration of these preparations I need not dwell, except to say that gentian, buchu, calumba, scnega, senna, and broom filter best through flannel; gentian and calumba with the aid of a little magnesia; whilst the remainder mostly filter easily through paper; but quassia will not come bright without the aid of magnesia, and even then it sometimes proves obstinate, only yielding to the persuasions of Chinese clay. Cascarilla must not be filtered through magnesia—Chinese clay is a more suitable medium.

Although senega filters best through flannel, if in quantity it is generally better to pour off as much bright as possible-and filter the remainder only. The addition of a few drops of ammonia works wonders in clearing it quickly, and is said to have a preservative action in it as well.

In concluding his paper the author said that, of all the branches of pharmacy, this is the most neglected one, and undescreedly so, for there is hardly another where there is more scope for skill and thought. In spite of what many have to say against them, it is his firm belief that, so far from the time being near when infusions and decoctions as a class will have to take a "back seat," they have a long existence before them, and the best way out of the difficulty is to try and perfect the manufacture of the concentrated preparations, which are manifestly, when properly prepared, more convenient to physician, pharmacist, and patient alike. It seems a great absurdity that their existence should have been ignored by the compilers of the Pharmacopæia, for in the present state of things five sixths of the chemists use them, although the method of making them is in a great number of cases largely at fault, thus causing much dissatisfaction and naturally tending to bring them into disrepute.

#### PHARMACY ACT (IRELAND) AMENDMENT.

THE following memorandum has been addressed to the Attorney-General for Ireland by Mr. J. E. Brunker, M.A., ex-President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland, and has reference to the contemplated legislation in regard to pharmacy in that country:-

The Act of 1875 was, according to the preamble, enacted to supply "a great deficiency in Ireland of establishments and shops for the sale of medicines and compounding prescriptions, and to remove the "great inconvenience thereby

arising to the public in many parts of the country."

To accomplish this object, the Act proposed to grant to persons, other than licentiate apothecaries-who under the Act of 1791 were alone entitled to dispense prescriptions in Ireland—a qualification empowering them to "open shop for retailing, dispensing, and compounding poisons and medical prescriptions," and imposed certain conditions as to examinations to be passed by persons desirous of obtaining that qualification.

The Act followed the lines laid down by the British Act of 1868, to some extent ignoring a different condition of things existing in this country to that previously existing in

Great Britain.

It enforced the power upon the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of instituting, if it thought fit, two grades of licentiates, viz.:-

(1) Pharmaceutical chemists, (2) Chemists and druggists;

both of which classes would have under the Act the same privileges as dispensers of medical prescriptions as is the case in the sister country.

It may be well to state here how two grades came to be

recognised in Great Britain.

So far back as 1841 the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain was established as a voluntary society, and gave the name of pharmaceutical chemist to persons who passed its examinations; in 1852 the Society received a Charter, and the title was protected by law, but conferred no public privilege. At this time no qualification was required in Great Britain to enable a person to sell or compound poisons or medical prescriptions, and the title was therefore only a personal distinction.

By the Act of 1868 the sale and dispensing of poisons was limited to persons who should be registered under that Act,

(1) Pharmaceutical chemists, or (2) Chemists and druggists.

These latter were entitled to be registered as such by the fact of having been in business at the time, or could afterwards obtain the qualification by passing a qualifying examination.

The former obtained registration by having become pharmaceutical chemists under the voluntary society prior to the passing of the Act, or subsequently by proceeding from the status of chemist and druggist to the higher grade, by passing a more advanced examination. This gives him greater privileges in the Pharmaceutical Society, but the public rights and duties of both grades are exactly the

The condition of things in Ireland was so dissimilar to the above that the first Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland rightly decided according to its powers (section 15) that there was no valid reason for establishing two grades, with different titles, but the same public position and privileges.

The original council consisted largely of medical practitioners and apothecaries, whose sympathies were enlisted for the quasi-professional side of the chemist's business, viz.,

dispensing.

If the history of the first two years of the council's work be traced through the regulations submitted for confirmation to the Privy Council, it will be seen that the only status aimed at for its licentiates was that of dispensers; and there is reasonable ground for supposing, from the way in which the Act was framed, that this was its sole purpose.

The subsequent difficulties which have arisen spring en-

tirely from the incompleteuess of section 31.

In this section alone throughout the Act, a class of persons

is contemplated who would be legally qualified to carry on the business of retailing poisons, as distinguished from that of dispensing prescriptious; but no power was given to the council to open a register upon which these persons (whose interest was strictly a life one) could be enrolled either voluntarily or compulsorily.

The first council appears to have either ignored this difficulty, or considered itself helpless to deal with it. It is just possible that, had the Council gone boldly to the Privy Council at the time, and asked for powers to deal with these persons by regulation (section 16 (8)), the necessary powers would have been granted. The attempt, however, was not

made, and the opportunity has passed away.

Not only have the persons who were engaged in the retailing of poisons in 1875 continued their business, but large numbers have entered on a similar business since, and in the absence of a register the Pharmaceutical Society has been

powerless to exercise any control over them.

In 1879 the Council, finding itself so completely hampered by want of powers in this respect, prepared heads of recommendations which it purposed laying before Government for amendment of the Act of 1875.

After carefully considering the matter, it adopted, amongst

others, the following recommendation:-

"That not only should persons who were engaged in the sale of poisons in 1875 be placed on a list to be called the list of registered druggists, but that an examination should be instituted for persons who might thereafter desire to be placed on the same list, who would be allowed to retail poisons, but not to dispense, and that on passing this examination they should be registered as registered druggists.'

This recommendation, which had been adopted by the Council practically unanimously, on being submitted for approval to the members of the Society at their annual meeting

in October, 1879, was rejected by them.

The other recommendations as amended were brought shortly afterwards under the notice of Sir William Kaye, as clerk to the Privy Council, by a deputation of the Council.

No steps were taken to give effect to these recommendations until January, 1883, when a communication was

received from Sir William Kaye, asking:

(1) Whether the provisions of the Sale of Poisons (Ireland) Act, 1870, were observed?

(2) Whether it is considered advisable that any alteration should be made in the existing law by amendment of the Sale of Poisons (Ireland) Act, 1870, or the Pharmacy Act (Ireland), 1875?

A copy of the reply (marked Appendix A) is attached

hereto.

In January, 1884, Sir George Trevelyan, then Chief Seoretary for Ireland, expressed his willingness to receive a deputation from the Council, which desired to put before him the necessity for amendment in the law.

Prior to waiting upon him, the following resolution was adopted by a bare majority of the Council:—

"That it be an instruction to the deputation about to wait on the Chief Secretary to recommend, that in any amendment of the law affecting pharmacy or the sale of poisons in Ireland, power shall be given to license by examination a grade of registered druggists who shall be empowered to sell poisons, but uot dispeuse prescriptions."

Sir George Trevelyan having held out some hopes that the Government would undertake legislation, the Council was requested to forward in writing all its recommendations.

On April 2, 1884, these were discussed in detail by the Council, when the majority was reversed upon the recommendation set out above, and since that date, with each change of the *pcrsonnel* of the Council, the hostility to the perpetuation of a grade of druggists has increased.

There being no prospect of Government action, the Society determined to promote a Bill in the House of Lords in the Session of 1888. This Bill, while making provision for the registration of all chemists and druggists who had rights under section 31 of the Act of 1875, and also for those who had gone into business subsequent to 1875, and for certain assistants and apprentices, proposed to close the door for the future to such a grade of druggists.

The Bill, after having been examined by a Select Committee, passed through the House of Lords with some important amendments in the interest of the chemists and druggists, who appeared in opposition, but on reaching the House of Commons it for the first time met with a real oppo-

Large concessions were made to meet the wishes of the chemists and druggists, in the hope that even at this cost legislation might be effected, and the existing deadlock removed.

Although members of Parliament of all shades of politics were anxious to see the amended Bill passed into law, it was found impossible at the close of the winter session to get it

through.

In the summer of this year (1889) an attempt was made to reintroduce this amended Bill. A conference was held between representatives of the Pharmaceutical Society and of the chemists and druggists, when a compromise was arrived at, in which each side conceded points which had appeared to them important, and a draft Bill was printed and ready for presentation in the House of Commons.

On being presented to the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society it was rejected, and the opinion pronounced upon it by the members and licentiates of the Society is now so pronounced as to render it impossible to reintroduce it as a private Bill, or to expect any retreat from the attitude which the great majority of the Society has taken up upon

It should be noted that the ground has been somewhat cleared since last year in one respect, inasmuch as the Court of Queen's Bench has, on a case stated, placed beyond doubt the exclusive right of pharmaceutical chemists and apothecaries to dispense medical prescriptions. This was a right which many chemists and druggists were previously unwilling to admit.

Upon the above facts the following considerations are

based, viz. :-

I. As matters at present stand, the public are exposed to a grave danger. It was amply demonstrated to the Select Committee of the House of Lords that poisons are distributed in all parts of the country by ignorant persons, and under very dangerous conditions, and that

II. The conditions of the Poisons' Act are generally ignored

by these persons.

III. Owing to the defective machinery provided by the Pharmacy Act of 1875 (as shown above), a large number of persons have, though possessing no legal status, obtained a definite de facto position as chemists and druggists, and will not allow that position to be taken from them without

IV. While it is very undesirable that any person should be allowed to deal in poisons without submitting himself to an educational test, and while the representatives of the Pharmacentical Society, who were most anxious to bring about a compromise, held out strongly for such a test in all cases, it must be admitted that the chemists and druggists have grounds for holding this position, that having obtained a defacto position, owing to the absence of sufficient restricting regulations, they ought not now to be affected by retrospective legislation.

V. The amendment Bill as drafted (copy of which, marked Appendix B, is attached thereto), though it contains features objectionable to both the trading parties proposed to be affected by it, appears to be the fairest possible solution of the difficulty under the circumstances, having regard to—(1) the safety of the public; (2) the large and important trade interests concerned; (3) the efficiency and financial security of the Pharmaceutical Society, and its ability to advance the education of the higher grade of its licentiates; (4) the enlargement of the field from which aspirants to that

higher grade may be drawn.

VI. The narrow trades-union spirit by which the Society -numerically a very small one-has been carried away, must alienate the sympathies of the legislature and of the public. If it is persisted in, and legislation postponed, the result may possibly be a removal of educational tests in all grades, with the result of destroying the scientific status of the pharmaceutical chemist, which the Council of the Society has been trying for the past fourteen years to establish. There are not wanting indications that already pressure is being brought to bear upon the Council of the Society to induce it to remove one at least of the regulations, which was designed as a safeguard against a superficial education obtained by cramming.

VII. There is no practical difficulty in the way of so regulating pharmaccutical affairs in Ireland as to have within the Society two bodies of persons, who (1) would afford sufficient evidence of intelligence and education to be intrusted with the sale of poisons to the public; and (2) a more highly educated class (whose education, in fact, should be brought to the highest point attainable), who alone should be intrusted with the responsible duty of dispensing prescriptions.

The draft amendment Bill has been accepted in principle by Irish members of Parliament of all parties, and is now

in shape for presentation to the House.

The only sections to which opposition is threatened by any members are 14 and 15, which involve the principle of annual payments to keep on the register the names of persons who have registered in either grade (prospective only)

Some medical members of Parliament have expressed hostility to these clauses, on the ground that they would form a

precedent which might afterwards affect them.

The clauses, however, are of great importance for the carrying out of the machinery of the Bill, for the following reasons.

I. The Society cannot carry on the increased duties imposed upon it without a considerable increase in its income. II. The small annual fee proposed to be levied would

hardly be felt by those who would have to pay it, while

III. A largely increased registration fee, which would be the necessary alternative, would press severely upon a great many of those who would seek registration as druggists.

J. E. BRUNKER. December, 1889.

## Vegal Reports.

MARSHALL v. NEALE,—SALE OF A BUSINESS.

THIS case came before Mr. Justice Mathew, sitting without a jury, in the Queen's Bench on February 13. The action was brought by Mr. E. Marshall, a duly qualified pharmaceutical chemist, to recover damages in reference to alleged misrepresentations on the part of the defendant with regard to the sale of a business at Henfield, near Brighton. Mr. Neale denied the misrepresentations, and counterclaimed for 1251, the amount of two bills given him by the plaintiff.

Mr. Ashton was counsel for the plaintiff; Mr. Smily repre-

sented Mr. Nealc.

The plaintiff's case was that in nine months in 1889 he only took 4671, as opposed to 8961. which Mr. Neale said he made during the corresponding period in 1888. He also complained that the defendant had represented the turnover at 1,100l., whereas, according to Mr. Marshall, it was impossible that that amount could have been made. Moreover, assuming that the 1,100% was stated correctly, the plaintiff said that Mr. Neale had not taken into account a large number of payments which were debts at the time he left the business. In the course of the defendant's evidence it was stated that they were obliged to sell some of the patent medicines almost at cost price, in order to compete with the Sussex Co-operative Drug Stores and other establishments at Brighton. In cross-examination, Mr. Neale said he was not a member of the Pharmaceutical Society.

Mr. Justice Mathew gave judgment on February 17. He said the disagreeable task had been imposed upon the court of determining a question of fraud. The defendant had produced certain books; but they added nothing whatever to the statement Mr. Neale made by word of mouth, for the reason that there was no mode whatever of checking the entries the defendant made in those books. Very serious questions were raised respecting them. The validity of the books depended on nothing more than the statement of the defendant. The plaintiff's case was that the alleged receipts dwindled immediately upon his going into possession, and he received nothing like the amount the defendant said he got during the time he was carrying on the business. No attempt was made to controvert the statement made by Mr. Marshall in that respect. It was for the defendant to show how the falling off was to be accounted for; and it was said Mr. Neale was a chemist who knew the people at Henfield, and acted not merely as a chemist, but as a medical man, and when he gave up the husiness the patients went elsewhere. It was not a satisfactory explanation to his (the learned judge's) mind. He had come to the conclusion that the statement made with regard to the takings was false. He was not satisfied that the statements as to the receipts were accurate, or that the defendant stated the truth with reference to them. He (Mr. Justice Mathew) believed they were much less. The learned counsel for the defendant relied upon the fact that there was a large stock. No doubt that fact would have a very considerable influence on the mind of the plaintiff. He (the judge) could not help thinking a large stock was procured for the purpose of having effect on the mind of a purchaser. He was not satisfied that for the purposes of the business any such large stock was required. He had come to the conclusion that the plaintiff was right in the charges he made against the defendant, and that the plaintiff was cheated. The damages he thought he ought to find would be to the amount the plaintiff had undertaken to pay in the shape of promissory notes for the goodwill. He, therefore, gave judgment for the plaintiff in the action for nominal damages upon the understanding that the promissory notes which were in court would be handed to the plaintiff; and upon the counter-claim he gave also judgment for the plaintiff, for he had established in defence that the notes were obtained from him by misrepresentation. He gave all such certificates as were necessary to enable the plaintiff to recover his costs on the High Court scale.

#### A WHOLESALE DRUGGIST'S FEE.

In the City of London Court, on Wednesday, before Mr. Registrar Wild, the case of Christy v. Herzog was heard. The action was brought by Mr. Thomas Christy, druggist, 12 Lime Street, E.C., to recover the sum of 4 guineas, the balance of 5 guineas for giving evidence upon the retainer of the defendant, Mr. Conrad Herzog, chemical engineer and dealer in chemical patents, Mansion House Chambers, Queen Victoria Street, E.C., in an action in the Lord Mayor's Court, in which the present defendant was plaintiff. Mr. E. B. Tattershall appeared for the plaintiff, and the defendant

appeared in person.

The defendant brought an action in the Lord Mayor's Conrt last October (which was duly reported at the time in THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST) to recover the sum of 50%. paid for the purchase of what was alleged to be a chemical secret for solidifying and reliquefying gasoline. The evidence of the plaintiff, Mr. Christy, was necessary in regard to the examination and identification of Bois de Panama, which had been sold to the defendant Herzog as quillaya bark. Mr. Tattershall said the plaintiff worked up the literature on the subject in order to make himself thoroughly conversant with the details. That took him a considerable time, and then he gave evidence at the Lord Mayor's Court on behalf of Mr Herzog. Upon Mr. Christy's evidence the jury found a verdict for Mr. Herzog. Now that the plaintiff asked for his fees he was told the case was going to appeal, and that he must wait before he got his fees.

The Defendant: It was arranged to pay one guinea for attending court, which I paid at once, and that is all I owe. Mr. Tattershall said the defendant had heen given credit

for that. The four guineas was for getting up the subject.

The Defendant understood that was done "as a friend" for

his manager, whom the plaintiff knew. Mr. Registrar Wild: "Friends" are very dangerous

things

Mr. Tattershall said the defendant came to his client because Mr. Christy was the only man in the chemical trade who could give the Court and jury the information necessary. He handed to the Registrar what he said was a very good report of the trial, which appeared in THE CHEMIST AND DRUGGIST.

Mr. Registrar Wild said it was clear that the plaintiff, as a professional druggist, was entitled to a qualifying fee. If the defendant went to the plaintiff and asked him to do as he had done, he was not only entitled to his fee for attending court, but for looking up the subject and making any necessary notes in order to qualify himself to give the evidence required. The plaintiff's services must not be measured by the length of time he was occupied. This was evidence of a

minutes' consultation with a celebrated doctor he would have to pay five guineas for it.

The Defendant said his manager went to the plaintiff as a friend, simply to get a few hints. The plaintiff could give no special evidence, as he had no personal knowledge.

Mr. Registrar Wild objected to that. The defendant clearly did not think that, or he would not have put the plaintiff's evidence before the jury.

The Defendant then made a very long statement, at the

end of which.

Mr. Registrar Wild said the plantiff was entitled to be paid for his skill.

The Defendant: There is no skill.

Mr. Registrar Wild: You thought so at the time. I must find for the plaintiff for the four gnineas, and I think he has let you off very well.

The Defendant: Can't I appeal?

Mr. Registrar Wild: No, and a good thing for you you can't. If you employ these gentlemen you must pay them. Judgment was accordingly given for the plaintiff for the amount claimed with costs.

#### BANKRUPTCY REPORTS.

Re RICHARD DORMER, Garston, Manufacturing Chemist.

AT the Liverpool Bankruptcy Court, on February 14, Mr. Mulholland, on behalf of the bankrupt, a manufacturing chemist, of Garston, applied for a variation in the terms of the discharge which some time ago was granted to the hankrupt, conditional upon his paying 5s. in the pound, by which variation the bankrupt would receive his immediate discharge. Mr. G. B. Rodway, on behalf of the official receiver, opposed. It appeared that the bankrupt, subsequent to the order of the court, had heen to his creditors, who were only three in number, had paid to them separately 3s. in the pound in discharge of their respective debts, and now asked for his unconditional discharge. His Honour said the court could not countenance such a proceeding on the part of a debtor. The correct course would have been for the dehtor to have called a meeting of his creditors, and obtained a formal resolution for submission to the court. He therefore, without calling on Mr. Rodway, dismissed the application.

#### Re WILLIAM ROBERT JONES, Birmingham, Dispenser at the Workhouse.

AT the Birmingham County Court, on February 13, this debtor came before Mr. Registrar Cole for his public examination. His statement of affairs showed liabilities 577l, and assets nil. His creditors number forty-one, and twenty-one of them are for money lent. He was examined by Mr. Sharp, official receiver, and stated that he began business as a chemist and druggist in 1863. having a capital of 600%. He became involved in accommodation-bill transactions, and had to file his petition in 1880. His creditors got  $5\frac{1}{3}d$ . in the pound. Since that period he has been a dispenser at the Birmingham workhouse at a salary which commenced at 100l., hut is now 140l. a year. In consequence of serious illness in his family he had to borrow money, and could not free himself. Year by year, since 1881, his expenses had exceeded his income. The Registrar: You have been pretty successful among the money-lenders; almost all the moneylenders in Birmingham have made advances to you. Did you sign declarations as to your position when you went to them to borrow? The Dehtor: I don't remember making any declaration at all; they lent it to me on the security of my position. The Registrar: I see in your accounts you take credit for 2371. in respect of writs, law costs, and county court expenses. Mr. Sharp: It is a complete waste of other people's money. The bankrupt has offered his creditors a composition of 5s. in the pound, to be paid out of his salary hy instalments of 51. per month. I don't know, of course, whether the judge will approve of it. The Registrar said that, notwithstanding the experience he had had before his failure in 1880, the dehtor, as soon as he got free from that position, began again to horrow money in the most reckless the length of time he was occupied. This was evidence of a particular nature required. If the defendant had even five present petition. The examination was concluded. Re WALKER HOWLETT, 75 Hill Street, Peckham, and late of 3 St. George's Circus, Southwark, Chemist, &c.

This bankrupt filed his own petition in the London Bankruptcy Court on January 6, having unsecured debts of 145*l*. 5s. 4*d*., and assets valued at 13*l*. 2s. He attended before Mr. Registrar Linklater for his public examination on February 20, and in reply to Mr. Howell, the official solicitor, stated that he formerly carried on the husiness of a chemist and dispenser at St. George's Circus, but now had a small chemist's husiness at Hill Street, Peckham, and was also employed as a surgeon's assistant at a weekly salary of 30s. He bought the St. George's Circus husiness in 1879 for 800l., and sold it last September for 160l. That money was devoted to the payment of rent and sundry creditors. The devoted to the payment of rent and sundry creditors. The present indebtedness of 140l was also in respect of that business, and related to the debts he was unable to pay from the 1601. The failure was eaused by loss upon the trading. He knew for some time past that the business at St. George's Circus was falling of, and had for the last year or two tried to sell it as a going concern. With that view he continued to trade, and hoped to sell for a sufficient sum to pay off all debts, but in that he was disappointed. The falling off in the trading was chiefly due to increased competition in the neighbourhood. New shops were continually heing opened, and one was even started at the next shop to his own. He had tried to make the business a success by working hard and devoting all his time to it. There was no opposition, and the examination was ordered to he concluded. The following are the principal creditors un-

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#### PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED.

Barelay, F. K., Hoare, R. G., Garbutt, J. H., & Clayton, J. (under the style of Barelay, Clayton & Co.), Crucifix Lanc, Bermondsey, mineral-water manufacturers and bouillon agents; as far as regards F. K. Barelay and R. G. Hoare.

Rothwell, James, & Co., Bacup, aërated-water manufacturers and dealers in grocers' sundries.

#### THE BANKRUPTOY ACT, 1883.

#### RECEIVING ORDERS.

Austin, Henry William (formerly trading as Austin & Son), late of Aston, near irmingham, drysalter.

Macdonald, Ewen, Cheltenham, late of Cleeve Hill, near Cheltenham, ehemist and druggist.

#### ADJUDICATIONS

Austin, Henry William (formerly trading as Austin & Son), late of Aston, near Birmingham, drysalter.

Lupton, James Irvine, Richmond, Surrey, veterinary surgeon.

#### FIRST MEETINGS AND PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS

Brocklehurst, Thomas Howard, Bredbury, near Stockport, surgeon — Feb. 25. Official Receiver's offices, Stockport; March 6, Court House, Stockport.

Ripley, George, Wortley, near Leeds, aërated-water manufacturer— Feb. 26, Official Receiver's offices, Leeds; March 11, County Court House, Leeds.

#### NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

Ridout, George Vatchel, Leeds, surgeon-dentist-first and final div. of 1s. 10d., Feb. 21, Official Receiver's office, Leeds.

#### APPLICATION FOR DEBTOR'S DISCHARGE.

Phillips, John Philip, Staveley, chemist and druggist-April 3, Chesterfield.

#### ORDER MADE ON APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE.

Edwards, William, Hudlersfield, mineral-water manufacturer—discharge granted forthwith.

#### SCOTCH SEQUESTRATION.

Owle, A. L., Glasgow, chemical metallurgist—Feb. 25, at 12, Faculty Hall, Glasgow.

### Personalities.

Mr. Edward Woolf, druggists' sundries dealer, has removed his business from 105 Mott Street, Birmingham, to 6 St. George's Crescent, Brearly Street, in the same city.

Mr. F. R. Rump has hought from Mr. S. E. Cowap the business lately conducted by the latter, at Church Street, Midhurst.

MR. W. BAXTER, jun., pharmaceutical chemist, of Bromley Kent, has bought the business of the late Mr. F. W. Haydon, at Fordingbridge.

Mr. M. M. Procter, of Leamington, who has travelled for Messrs. Southall Brothers & Barclay for over nine years, is transferring his services to Messrs. Hodgkinson, Treacher & Clarke.

MR. BENJAMIN ROBINSON, Mayor of Salford, pharmaceutical chemist, and the Mayoress, entertained a large number of guests at the Peel Park Museum on Wednesday evening, the 12th inst. After the reception, dancing was indulged in to the strains of a first-class string band. The arrangements were perfect, and the guests seemed fully to appreciate the kindly attention and hospitality of the mayor and mayoress. The next evening (Thursday) was devoted to a "children's evening," and the same rooms were crowded with a brilliant assemblage of 200 young guests, who thoroughly enjoyed the delightful entertainment provided for them by their worthy host and hostess.

#### MARRIAGES.

[Notices of Marriages and Deaths are inserted free if sent with proper authentication.]

THOMPSON—GREAVES.—On February 13, at St. Margaret's, Horsforth, by the Rev. J. Holdom, assisted by the Rev. T. R. Walton-Pearson, Vicar, George Thompson, chemist, of Knaresbro', to Gertrude Isabel, youngest daughter of W. H. Greaves, Oxford House, Horsforth.

CARR—BLOOR.—On January 9, at St. Mark's Church, Sheffield, hy the Rev. H. A. Favell, M.A., Vicar, Percy Carr, chemist and druggist, eldest son of Francis Carr, Broomhall Park, Sheffield, to Ada, youngest daughter of Henry Bloor, Summerfield, Sheffield.

#### DEATHS.

Balls.—On February 8, Mr. George Balls, pharmaceutical the nist, High Street, Deptford. Aged 66.

EXLEY.—On February 7, Mr. George Exley, chemist and druggist, Hunslet Lane, Leeds. Aged 61.

Howard.—On January 26, Mr. J. H. H. Howard, chemist and druggist, Forest Lane, Stratford. Aged 56.

Keith.—On February 16, at 4 Marchmont Crescent, Edinburgh, Mrs. Keith, the wife of Mr. John Keith, chemist and druggist, Newton Stewart.

KERNER.—At Frankfort, on February 9, Dr. G. Kerner, in his 55th year. The deceased gentleman was a well-known quinologist, and for many years managing chemist in the Zimmer's Quinine Factory at Frankfort. He was the inventor of the ammonia and ether test for quinine, which is now the recognised test, with certain modifications, in most Pharmacopœias, including our own.

KNAGGS.—On January 30, Mr. George Knaggs, chemist and druggist, late of Hunmanby, Yorkshire. Aged 69.

LOADMAN.—On February 7, Mr. James Loadman, chemist and druggist, East Bank Street, Southport. Aged 37.

LAWRENCE.—On February 6, Mr. Benjamin Lawrence, chemist and druggist, Penkridge, Staffordshire. Aged 62.

Morrall.—On February 6, Mr. Edward Ernest Morrall, pharmaceutical chemist, Quay House, Bridgnorth. Aged 25.

Speight.—On January 18, Mr. Robert Speight, chemist and druggist, late of Circus Road, St. John's Wood, N.W. Aged 42.

# LECTURES BY PHARMACISTS. (POST-CARD COMPETITION, JANUARY).



VER ninety competitors favoured us with skeletons of lectures suitable for delivery by chemists to schools, literary institutions, or miscellaneous audiences.

The lecture trap is by no means so successful in the present age as it was twenty, thirty, and forty years ago. It may be that the rising generation is less eager

in the pursuit of knowledge than its predecessor, or it may be that the lecturers of old wore out their welcome by their prolixity and incompetence. It must be admitted that their performances were often painfully tedious. Masters of their subjects were often utterly unable to convey a clear idea of them to their audiences, hut more often still, perhaps, the lecturers had too obviously crammed themselves for the occasion, and depended for success on a glib tongue and a few well-worn jokes. But the worst foes to the lecture system were the pompous chairmen and the verbose individuals who proposed and seconded the votes of thanks. To sensitive listeners these perfectly useless appendages were calculated to take the edge off a bright and sparkling lecture, but when added to a dreary essay they tended to make the performance too insupportable to take the chance of repetition.

Lecturing offers to young and clever chemists a capital chance of self-advertisement, and there are plenty of openings even yet for its practice. But it may he permitted to offer to even the youngest and cleverest a word or two of advice from the point of view of the audience, which, after all, deserves some consideration. The first essential to a successful lecture is that it should be most carefully prepared. If any number of ladies and gentlemen can be induced to sit still for an hour while you are talking, the commonest politeness requires that you should spare no pains to make that hour as little irksome as possible. Your experiments should be thoroughly well rehearsed and need no preparation at the time. Give your lecture, or at least the greater part of it, extempore; if you cannot do this do not lecture at all. Avoid by all means anything like a professorial manner, or assumption of superior knowledge, and above all things keep your performance well within an hour. If, hearing in mind these conditious, you can get your audience interested, not in yourself, but in your topic, you will have done a picce of business which will pay you for your trouble, even though you get neither fee nor vote of

The favourite subject for a lecture, as judged by our competition, appears to be

#### WATER.

We have a dozen lectures submitted on this subject, most of them very lucidly summarised. Our space will only allow us to quote at present three typical specimens.

The Chemistry of Water.—Water formerly considered to be an element, now proved to be a compound, shown synthetically and analytically (explain terms) to be built up of two elements. Liken synthesis to the putting together of works to form a watch; taking it to pieces illustrates analysis. Mix oxygen and hydrogen in definite proportions, apply heat and prove water is formed—i.e. synthesis; also burn jet of hydrogen in air, hold cold glass against flame and show water condensed. Prove composition and proportion of elements by decomposing with three or four Daniell's

cells, and test gases formed-i.e., analysis; also pass steam through heated iron barrel containing iron turnings, prove hydrogen at the other end. Discuss freezing and hoiling, points, show how both are influenced by pressure, give experiment of hot water in vessel boiling when plunged into cold water, and explain. Expansion and contraction of water; illustrate evaporation and condensation, and so show how rain is formed. Show the almost omnipresence of water throughout the three kingdoms. To show how necessary oxygen is to support life (animal combustion) show how great a supporter of combustion by burning in bottles of oxygen charcoal, sulphur, thin iron wire, &c. Discuss hard and soft waters and explain terms, also the uses of water and steam in factories, our large guns made by its aid, and also pins, &c. We once had to do without iron, coal, gas, &c., but never without water. All gases should be got ready previously in receivers and everything else to hand, so as tohave no delay in lecture, or it would be tiresome to the audience; refrain from using chemical formulæand symbols.-A. F. Brookes, 255 Grange Road, Birkenhead.

Drinking Waters.—Give outline of conveyance of water to large towns. How and with what it is likely to get contaminated. Process it undergoes in filter beds (diagram showing section of a filter-bed). Experiment of dirty water through charcoal filter. Hardness: what is meant hy term, how caused, its removal by chemical means and boiling (experiment), effect on soaps and boilers. Danger of lead pipes, lead-lined cisterns, furred kettles. Wisdom of letting tap run before drinking. Wisdom of submitting doubtful water to your family chemist for analysis. Symptoms of lead-poisoning: drop-wrist, blue line on gums. Experiment: H<sub>2</sub>S as test for lead. Experiment: Permanganate of potash test for organic matter. Have microscope on table showing animalculæ. Describe a few filters; have them on view, if possible, and point out the good points of each, also their defects. Touch on distilled water, how made, &c. Mention oxygenated water as being the latest thing, pass a sample round.—R. Fred Reynolds, Leeds.

Sea World - Treat fact that water is the rule, land the exception—145,500,000 square miles water, 51,500,000 square miles laud. Various oceans, their positions, &c.; uses for locomotion, in cleansing rivers, and distributing food for inhabitants of the sea. Supposed depth, and meaus used for ascertaining same. Various colours of seas, their positions and names. Composition of sea-water. Tides: causes, uses, and exceptionally large tides. Waves: ground waves, surface waves; whirlpools, cause, &c.; milelstrom, its power; earthquake waves; currents, various, and positions, causes, uses. Sea freezes at the Poles, where it is less salty and earth rotates slower. Icebergs and ice-fields, causes, &c. Phosphorescence, various forms, causes; description of various infusoria, medusa, starfish, molluses, and other phosphorescence-producers. Treat sea-plants slightly; sponges, their history, collection, &c. Corals: history, production, and life of the coral polype. Coral fishing. Sea urchins; oysters, their production, growth, construction, cultivation, &c. Mussels and other shell fish. Pearls: pintadine (mother of pearl), what it is, various kinds; iridescence and cause of same (explain with soap-hubble). How pearl drops are formed. Pearl diving and preparation. Cuttle-fish, their life, strauge shape, with tales of their great size, &c., and the interesting means they use for capturing and cluding capture. Mention ordinary fishes, how caught, &c.; whales, turtles, &c., with interesting details of size, kinds. adventurous captures, &c. The whole lecture to be illustrated as practically as convenient with drawings, maps, and specimens dealing specially on topics relating to chemists' business—oss spia, sponges various, litmus re-actiou, cod-liver oil, &c.—Harris, care of Mr. Biggleston, Canterbury.

#### THE ATMOSPHERE.

This is the theme on six cards, and from these we take a couple:—

The Air wo Breathe.—Composition and weight (balloonists' experiences). Experiments: hydrogen, oxygen, and nitrogen; diagram of lungs; explain why composition is constant. Pressure: barometer, &c. Boil water in flask, cork, apply cold to make boil again. Show water hammer and pulsometer. Air pump experiments, good. How heated

by sun, cold above. Oxygen, the fire of life, all living fires, explain, compare with fire, experiment with light, charcoal, iron wire,  $\frac{1}{5}$  of atmosphere,  $\frac{1}{3}$  solid crust of earth. Dr. Smith's experiments, how much each exercise demands, riding, walking, swimming, &c., give table. Dancing in crowded rooms, respired once loses 5 per cent. O, our friend, carbonic gas our enemy, prepare and experiment with, one vessel to another. Wells, mines, choke-damp. Fresh air, ventilation (which most people think always means draught). Builders ignorant of requirements of our body. Bedrooms, 10 hours, 130 cubic feet, see you get it and not headache. Ventilators in chimneys good if rightly fixed, explain. More fresh air the less physic, which, Shakespeare said, unless good, "throw to the dogs."—F. G. Curtis, Ealing, W.

The Atmosphere.—Derivation of word, what is it, height, proof of existence, Torricelli's theory, Blaise Pascal's proof, Gay-Lussac's experiment (1804), weight, pressure on our bodies, why it does not crush us, show and explain air-pump, hand-glass, Magdeburg hemispheres, apple-cutter. Elasticity of air-bubble in egg, air from malt-liquor. The windmill, experiments in vacuo. Why height of atmosphere is not uniform, rate wind travels, causes which produce wind, how air is heated. Athermic bodies, diathermic bodies, line of perpetual snow. Composition of air, law of diffusion, proof of its being a mechanical mixture, refractive power, percentage composition. Rain, snow, hail. History: opinions of Van Helmont, 1640; Macques', 1650; Boyle, 1660; Rutherford, 1772; Priestly, 1774; Lavoisier, 1777; also experiments by Cavendish, 1781; Prout, Biot, and Arago; Dumas and Boussingault, and Regnault. Analysis by Falconer, Fontana, Cavendish, Humbolt, Gay-Lussac, Thenard, Scheele, Saussure, Berthollet, Parrot, Achard, Brunner, Réboul, and Sir H. Davy. Atmosphere as a natural disinfectant. Barometers: construction and use. Thermometers: construction and use.—

Thomas A. O. Heale, 44 Seven Sisters' Road, Holloway, N.

#### FOOD AND ITS ADULTERATION

forms a fruitful topic, though correspondents do not show means of illustrating it effectively by means of experiments. To look through a microscope at the end of a lecture is not exhilarating. The following are some of the lectures proposed:—

Our Breakfast Table.—(1) Our needs, our luxuries, and our digestion. (2) The carbon we consume, the oxygen we require to do it, and the nitrogenous bodies we absorb, comprehending the composition of the atmosphere, of starchy and of azotic food. (3) The relative value of the different cereals as a foundation for our day's work, and a description of a perfect bread comprising the whole of the constituents of wheat as the staff of life. (4) The value of an admixture of foods, giving the reasons why we commence with porridge as a food containing fat which can be eaten without addition, and which we follow with a nitrogenous meat, such as ham or beefsteak. (5) The composition of milk, and the explanation of its being a body which will support life of itself. (6) The composition of eggs, and the advisability of eating a fat with them. (7) The composition of butter, and the accessity of eating a starchy food with it. (8) The composition of cheese, and its value as a digestive agent, and a caution as to its constipating quality. (9) The beverages we drink, their composition, their value as restoratives and sedatives. (10) An exhibition of the various foods usually found on a middle-class breakfast table, with the microscope. -Fred E. Johnson, chemist, Halesworth.

Table Science, or Reason and the Roasting of Eggs.—Syllabus. Preliminary historical sketch.—Man and his food. The noble savage at breakfast. Invention of the art of dining. Rise and progress of indigestion. Chemical and medical research with regard to food products, &c. Brief résumé of general laws with regard to subject. Cooks.—"The woman who can cook sits upon the apex of civilisation." Chops v. Chopin. Hours and conditions of meals; exercise; air; social conditions, &c.; chemistry of digestion (outline). Particulars of diet:—Breakfast.—Coffce and cocoa, historical and chemical; milk, and incidentally water; eggs: how to cook, value as food, &c.; bread and butter; constituents and chemistry of, &c.; meat breakfasts, fish, &c. Luncheon and dinner—Soups, fish, advantages of and properties of principal varieties. Sauces: how to make,

what to avoid, &c. Meats, roast and boiled. Modes of cooking, advantages of each. Constituents of various meats, proportion of nitrogenous matter, fibrine, &c., value of fat. Vegetables and vegetarians, or greens and greenhorns. How to boil various vegetables, puddings, &c. Constituents, &c., of rice, tapioca, macaroni, &c. Stimulants, "To beer or not to beer?" Chemical and other notes on beer, wine, &c., use and abuse. Tea and supper.—History, &c., of tea. Infants' and invalids' foods, what to choose, how to cook, &c. In conclusion, artificial digestives, correctives, remedial agents, &c.; peroration.—C. C. Bell, Epworth.

The Chemistry of Foods.—The albumens or proteids of both vegetable and animal origin form the staple food of man and animals. The various forms of derived albumens, and process of digestion. How fat is absorbed from the lower intestine when mixed with bile. Why deficiency of bile causes nausea. Malt extract as a concentrated food. The activity of vegetable diastase compared with the ptyalin of saliva and pancreatin. Trace progress of decomposition of starch when acted upon by diastase, starch  $C_0H_{10}O_3$  to glucose  $C_0H_{12}O_6$ , by addition of a molecule of water, to maltose  $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$ , when the glucose yields up the water. How the cellular tissue (cellulose) of plants is identical with starch, and why we may think that during a time of necessity the wood of the forest, when altered by the magic wand of the chemist, may be utilised as food.—A. Ball, 157 Tufnell Park Road, N.

Common Adulterations of Food and their Detection.—Bread: Give composition, mineral and organic adulterations. Milk: Composition, detection of added water, and abstraction of cream; also other adulterations, such as sugar, glycerine, salt, and carbonate of soda. Butter: Composition, detection of excessive quantity of water, salt, &c.; also the distinction between genuine butter and margarine. Cheese: Composition, and detection of foreign fats, such as lard, oleo-margarine, &c. Lard: Detection of too great a percentage of water. Tea: Detection of colouring-matter, spent leaves faced, &c. Coffee: Detection of chicory, burnt sugar, roasted ccreals, &c. Cocoa: Presence of starch, sugar, and mineral adulterants. Mustard: Detection of adulterants.—

H. Eley, 160 Monument Road, Birmingham.

Among lectures which may stand by themselves are the following:—

First Aid to the Injured .- Commence with description of bones in human frame with aid of skeleton; then the muscular, respiratory, and circulatory systems by diagrams; and the three kinds of hemorrhage-arterial, venous, and capillary. Show position of main arteries by diagram, also where pressure should be applied by digits or torniquet to arrest hæmorrhage. Enumerate the number of articles that can be used as pads or bandages. Have a boy from the audience to illustrate the following: explain the many uses a triangular bandage may be put to by bandaging your boy. Show difference between a reef knot and a granny. Devote a short time to fractures; name the different varieties, viz., simple, compound, complicated, and comminuted. Give examples of the most common fractures, and the manner in which first aid should be given, by applying splints, or by borrowing from your audience articles that can be used in the place of splints, such as walking-sticks, parasols, newspapers, umbrellas, &c. If time permits, give a short description of first aid in cases of shock, concussion of the brain, fits, strokes, fainting, alcoholic poisoning, also poisoning from irritants and narcotics, &c.—G. A. Hebblethwaite, 69 Church Street, Drypool, Hull.

Scientific Apparatus, with Demonstrations.—1. The apparatus—(a) Application to which it is put; (b) Description of the various parts; (c) Principles on which the various parts are composed; (d) Demonstrations. The following may be taken in illustration:—Microscope, spectroscope, photometer, galvanic battery, induction coils, and Geissler tubes. The type of illustrations shown will, however, depend on the class of andience.—Mirableu.

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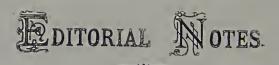
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#### POISONOUS PATENT MEDICINES.

OUR report of the inquest at Wandsworth last week, in the course of which Mr. Braxton Hicks, the coroner for Mid Surrey, made such a vigorous attack on the practice of sel ling patent medicines containing poisons without regard to the statutory provisions as to labelling, &c., brings us face to face with a neglect of the Pharmacy Act at which chemists, patent-medicine dealers, and the pharmaceutical and the police authorities have all connived. Everybody concerned is aware, we suppose-we have repeated it to the trade dozens of times—that if a poison is contained in a patent or proprietary medicine, that medicine is just as much subject to the regulations of the 17th section of the Pharmacy Act as if sold in any other form. This is not a matter which either is or can be in dispute. The exemption of "the making or dealing in patent medicines" which occurs in the 16th section applies only to what is "hereinbefore contained"; that is to say, unregistered persons may sell them. But all persons, registered and unregistered alike, are required to obey the provisions of the 17th section if they sell any of these medicines which, by their composition, come within the range indicated by the poisous schedule. The cases in which these provisions are obeyed might almost be counted on the thumbs.

The case which called forth Mr. Braxton Hieks's remarks was one to which most chemists are liable. A 4-oz. cough linetus, eontaining 2 grains of morphia, had been bought at a city shop, and a child finding it standing about, and tempted by the sweet taste of it, had swallowed nearly the whole of it, and had died in eonsequence. Both father and mother testified that they did not know it was poisonous, and the mother said she had a special cupboard for poisous where she should have kept it had she known. There was a eaution label on the bottle, saying, "To be kept out of the reach of children, as it is sweet and they might take too much," but this, of course, is not what the Aet requires. Mr. Braxton Hicks, who has evidently studied the Pharmacy Act closely, showed at some length that the Aet had not been complied with, and discoursed on the dangers which the legislature had intended to avert when they passed the Act, and of which the case before him was an illustration. He intimated, further, that he would consider whether he would direct any further proceedings, and we do not know at present whether he has yet done so. But if they should not he taken in this case, we may look for them in regard to some other hefore long, as the risks are obvious, and it is the duty of coroners to use such means to protect the public as the law has provided. Mr. Hicks says, too, that most of the other coroners take the same view of the matter as he does.

The coroner went somewhat out of his way in his summing up to argue that to carry out the provisions of the Act in the manner suggested would he an ultimate benefit to the "the trade" rather than a disadvantage. This line of comment was probably suggested by the remark made by the chemist's assistant who appeared as a witness, that "if they lahelled it 'poison' people would not buy it." Even if that certainly were so, it would be no sort of answer to a charge of neglect of legal requirements; but we fully agree with the coroner that the strict enforcement of the provisions of the Act in regard to the sale of poisons of all sorts would have been the wisest policy chemists could have taken for the protection of their own interests, as well as for the protection of the public. It happens, curiously, that this very point was urged, on the same day as that on which the inquest was held, hy Dr. Symes in his presidential address to the Liverpool Chemists' Association.

Mr. Braxton Hicks volunteered another opinion suggested by the case before him, but not directly raised by it. He expressed an opinion corresponding with that which has heen published by Mr. Alpe in his "Handy Book of Medicine Stamp Duty." Both authorities agree that the exemption granted in the Pharmacy Act to the making and dealing in patent medicines applies only to medicines sold under the authority of letters patent, and not to any and every proprietary medicine to which in popular language the term is locally given. This is an important matter, which ought to have long ago been tested hy the Pharmaceutical Council, with whom rests the enforcement of the fifteenth section of the Act. It would be at least as well to do the best we can with the old Act before applying for new machinery.

# PHARMACEUTICAL LEGISLATION FOR IRELAND.

WE are somewhat surprised that the chemists and druggists of Ireland, who profess to have organised themselves into powerful bodies for the express purpose of assuring their position by means of legislation, should have allowed the early days of the Parliamentary session to find them unprepared with a project of law. We get reports occasionally of their tea-meetings, votes of thanks to each other, fraternising communications between Dublin and Belfast, and so forth; and not very long ago they managed to get an opportunity to place before the Attorney-General for Ireland a statement of their wishes and requirements. They were met with something like official sympathy, which might or might not have any validity, hut which they themselves interpreted as a presage of success. It might have been expected that they would have promptly followed up their advantage, and that they would have been certainly ready with their proposals in Bill form when Parliament met last week, whether they secured the active assistance of the Irish Government or could only rely on its benevolent neutrality. By not doing so they are throwing away the prestige they won by their victory in 1888. Each year's interval which they allow will make the opposition of their pharmaceutical foes appear

less inconsistent, and will enable the latter hody to make it more formidable. The spoiled child of the Empire, howeverhas a luck which the rest of us never dream of, and it may be likely enough that one fine day the authorities will themselves propose the scheme which the druggists want, but which they seem too apathetic to work for. Meanwhile a powerful champion comes forward to fight on their side in the person of their quondam opponent, the ex-President of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland. Elsewhere we publish a copy of a memorandum which Mr. Brunker has addressed to the Attorney-General for Ireland, presenting a succinct abstract of the history of Irish pharmaceutical affairs since the Act of 1875 was passed, and showing the public reasons which exist for making some legislation in the direction of the ahortive compromise of 1889 necessary, if there is to be any effective control over the sale of poisons in Ireland. Mr. Brunker's "Memorandum" is hardly likely to be welcomed by his former colleagues of Harcourt Street; hut they will be well advised to give it their serious consideration, whether they like it or not. There is only one section of Mr. Brunker's memorandum with which we are disposed to disagree. We should question the historic exactness of his version of the reasons which induced the first Irish Pharmaceutical Council to decide for one grade of pharmacists only; and we do not agree that they "rightly" resolved on this course. But this is of no practical importance, and Mr. Brunker argues with force that now, at any rate, the establishment of two grades is essential. We have maintained this view from 1875 onwards, and shall he curious to see what solid arguments, not prejudices, the actual Council can bring against it. The fact that they have increased their memhership by 50 per cent. by their "stonewall policy" is not, we would respectfully remind them, an argument at all. It is only a manifestation of what their former President designates a "narrow trades-union spirit." We do not doubt that Mr. Brunker's memorandum will have weight with the authorities at Duhlin Castle; the druggists have only themselves to thank that it does not appear in support of a Bill in esse rather than of one in posse.

#### A PHASE OF APPLIED CHEMISTRY.

THE condition of chemical research in this country at present is far from hopeless. It may be that in the past we had a greater number of intellectual giants amongst us, and for that reason work which has become historic seems to have been better and more important than that which is now produced. Or it may be that scientific records are somewhat like red-brick buildings, which only acquire their best looks in the course of half a century. There are to-day moreworkers in chemical research, better facilities for work, and greater necessity for the publication of results than there were fifty years ago. Will not some of that work take rank in the future and become as historic as that of Chevreul, Davy, Rose, or Scheele? There can scarcely be a doubt that it will.

As far as can be judged from current literature, we have now reached a phase in chemical research of which there is no exact equivalent in past records; that is, the care with which workers seek to protect their results. It used to be the case that chemists gave the products of their labour to the world with a free hand; but this philanthropic habit has become a very diminished quantity since the science has been evolutionised into two great departments—theoretical, or non-technical, and applied chemistry. With this evolution there has also come an evolution in its literature; either the results of researches are published through scientific

societies or journals, or they take the form of patent specifications. In the former case the workers deem that their results are of no immediate monetary value or have no technical importance, the consequence being that almost every important advance, every new chemical product, is the subject of a patent. Happily there are a few exceptions; some rich investigators have a love for science for its own sake, and are occasionally philanthropic; but the only hope for getting research of practical importance free to all is to endow it. We have a good example of this in the Research Laboratory of the Pharmaceutical Society. The communication which came from it last week was in certain respects the most important which it has so far produced, and is the best proof of the utility of endowed research. Had the workers been engaged by a firm of manufacturers instead of by an incorporated Society, the simple method which they discovered of doubling the active value of the new antiseptic would have been patented. As it is, the "improvement" is the property of the world at large. And herein lies one of the best arguments for the existence of the research laboratory.

Careful observers cannot have failed to note the great increase in what we may call "patented researches." General chemical literature is beginning to be leavened by it. We note, for example, that the editor of the new "Dictionary of Applied Chemistry" states in the preface to the work that "special attention has been given to the bibliography of the subjects, and in certain cases to the compilation of trustworthy patent lists." This sentence is written by Professor T. E. Thorpe, the director of the Government chemical laboratories at South Kensington. The dictionary is a companion to the new edition of Watts's dictionary; it is a successor, in the technical part, of the old work and of the older Ure's dietionary. Comparing it with these, we see how largely patent literature has become necessary for a correct knowledge of modern technical chemistry. There are few pages in which we do not find that some fact is derived from "Eng. Pat. No. --- "; and some departments, such as the synthetical dyes, are almost covered by patent specifications. In periodical literature we find much the same thing; in the societies, especially the Society of Chemical Industry, the trail of the serpent is clearly defined. Authors can scarcely appear before their audience without whispers as to whose axe is now to be ground; their papers often conclude with a sentence to the effect that they have taken the precaution to protect the substance of their papers by a provisional patent; and they are lucky if their rivals in trade, generally present in force, do not discredit their work. These circumstances are well known to those who are acquainted with the inner working of societies, if not to those who rank as outsiders. It is simply impossible for the organisers to get papers if they do not accept those which savonr more or less of advertisement, or which are so terribly dry and theoretical that they had better be taken as read. Money is too difficult to make nowadays to permit manufacturers to give their trade secrets to the world at large.

It may be supposed that this phase of chemical science will be short-lived, but it is difficult to arrive at such a conclusion after careful consideration of the facts. Applied chemistry is still in its infancy, and as it grows it must make greater demand upon the only protection which the nation allows it. Some branches, it is true, are conducted without patents. The manufacturers and workers form close concerns from which no secrets leak out; but the day is rapidly passing for this sort of thing. We notice that Sir Henry Roscoe is still eager about his technical education scheme for elementary schools. Sir Henry is a man with too much "grit" in him to give up his seheme. He is educating his

party up to it; he has the sympathy of the scientific world with him, and is slowly converting schoolmasters to his belief that the system of education in our elementary schools "is founded upon mediæval ideas, wholly inapplicable to the wants of our generation." There is much truth in what Sir Henry Roscoc says, and in the present age of reform the revolution of our school system cannot be averted. Hitherto we have insisted that before science is added to the curriculum in elementary schools something must be taken out of it; for it is almost too much for children as it is. That is the doctrine which the chemist-politician now preaches in his article in the Speaker. It is to be no plaything which he is to give to schools. "If elementary science is to be introduced," he says, "it must be taught by men who have a thorough knowledge of their subject and have been scientifically trained." If intelligent pupils of such teachers afterwards earn their bread and butter in chemical industry, we shall have no more machine-like workmen, secrets will not be so easily kept, and there will be more need than ever of "protection by letters patent." Hence we think that the phase of applied chemistry to which we have been referring is likely to be a permanent condition.

#### FROM THE FRONT OF THE COUNTER.

In opening his presidential address to the Liverpool Chemists' Association last week, Dr. Symes gave a happy indication of a characteristic which would go some way to account for the success and general popularity which he has attained. In the early days of his business career, he said, he would sometimes place himself in front of his counter and take a look round from a customer's point of view. He would then see little details, empty bottles, small things out of place, or some confusion, which might escape his attention so long as he kept to his usual side of the counter. We do not know why Dr. Symes limited this very sensible proceeding to his "early days," or whether he has really abandoned it in these latter times; but we know enough of his habit of mind to believe that his customers and, whenever he has any, his opponents in pharmaceutical politics can rely on his occasionally looking at things from their point of view. We venture to recommend the practice alluded to, both actually and metaphorically, to the consideration of other pharmacists.

We have the impression that we have seen chemists' shops the principals of which can never have looked at them with the eye of a critical customer; and we have a vague memory of having met pharmacists who seemed quite unable to regard any question or any interest from any other point of view but their own. The faculty of keeping a single eye on one's own affairs is often a valuable one in the attainment of success, but the exact appreciation of an opponent's position is essential to an argument with him, and still more is it desirable to ascertain with precision the condition of mind of the customers on whom we depend. To regard them in any sense as enemies whom we have to overcome and spoil to the utmost extent of our ability is a method of treatment which is, of course, so unreasonable as to be unworthy of serious mention, if it were not that it is in practice, though not in intent, the rock whereon tradesmen have before this wrecked their businesses. A more common error is, we imagine, the too frequent attempt to sell a customer an article other than that he really wants. We have correspondents who pride themselves on their skill in this respect. We do not question that skill, and everyone must exercise his own judgment as to how far it may be exercised with advantage. In the large majority of cases the transaction

hetween a customer and a tradesman is a perfectly simple exchange of a piece of coin for a certain commodity. The former fully expects that the latter should get a reasonable benefit on the transfer, and he has not, as a rule, the least objection thereto. If the article supplied requires some special manipulation or preparation, involving a certain amount of trained skill, nine customers out of ten are ready to pay the proper fee for such service. Occasionally, too, they ohviously want some guidance in regard to the particular article they propose to purchase. They can then appreciate intelligent and disinterested advice. But when they know what they want and ask for it, the cleverness of persuading them to take something else is, to say the least, questionable. Most of them perfectly well understand the game that is being played, and ultimate success is not always assured because no murmur is made.

In pointing the moral of Dr. Symcs's illustration, therefore, our purpose is to show that the best policy for any trader to adopt is to so order his establishment and his business procedure as to fulfil as exactly as he can the fair and honest requirements of his customers, with more regard to permanent association than to immediate profit. A shilling gained and a customer lost is a poor sort of bargain, but it is sometimes the result of injudicious smartness. At the same time, we do not forget that a qualified chemist is expected to be something more than a mere distributor of goods, at times. The faculty of discerning opportunities and of making proper use of them is a characteristic of sound judgment, and it is this which is one of the chief factors of success.

# HOW VISCOUS MIXTURES ARE FORMED.

DISPENSERS are familiar with the peculiar change which occurs in certain mixtures, whereby they become gelatinous or ropy. The subject has frequently heen discussed in this journal, and in "The Art of Dispensing" the statement is made that "The change appears to be due to the presence of the organism known as the viscous ferment, the cells of which form thread-like groups which ramify through the finid and make it gelatinous, just as fibrin does in the ease of coagulated blood. The development of the organism appears to be due to the presence of nitrogenous bodies." In this connection a research recently made by E. Kramer is of special interest. Hitherto it has been believed that mncous or viscous fermentation was due to an organism which Pasteur named Micrococcus viscosus. Kramer doubts the existence of this organism, and gives reasons for believing that there are really three organisms which induce the fermentation, each acting in different media, or solutions of carbohydrates. Thus in neutral, or slightly alkaline, solutions containing saccharose, albumenoids, and mineral salts, the fermentation is produced by Bacillus viscosus sacchari, Kramer, which attacks the saccharose. In acid solutions containing glucose, albumenoids, and mineral salts -constituents to be found in all wines-B. viscosus vini, Kramer, is the fermentative agent, while in liquids, such as milk, containing lactose, albumenoids, and mineral salts, an unnamed coecus produces the fermentation.

From the nature of the media in which these hacilli act we judge that the third one plays little part in the change which is of most importance to dispensers. B. viscosus vini may occasionally find a suitable field of action in medicinal mixtures, but the most frequent assailant will be B. viscosus sacchari, which produces viscosity in such mixtures as decoctions of harley, rice, and maize, to which sugar has been added, and in the juices of such things as the carrot and beetroot.

Mixtures containing the substances essential to the life of the bacillus effecting the fermentation set up in the decoctions named are not uncommon. The following is an example:—

This mixture when dispensed should he neutral, but if the syrup of poppies has fermented, it is likely that the viscous wine bacillus would attack it in preference to the saccharine one. B. viscosus sacchari occurs in the form of short rods, slightly rounded at the ends, which are often joined together, forming strings of as many as fifty. It thrives only in neutral or slightly alkaline fluids, producing no change whatever when free acids are present. It is aërobic, whereas B. viscosus vini is anaërobic, and only exists in wines or acid solutions of glucose. To the property of the former of uniting into rods is due the explanation in "The Art of Dispensing" regarding the nature of the viscosity; hut this requires correction. In the process of fermentation a mucous substance is formed, having the formula C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>10</sub>O<sub>5</sub>, which, according to Kramer, is metamorphosed cellulose. It is precipitated from the fermented liquid by alcohol, subacetate of lead, and baryta water, in the form of a white, insoluble, amorphous, stringy mass, which is not coloured by iodine, and is dissolved hy solutions of the caustic alkalies, forming a yellow liquid, from which alcohol precipitates a compound as a white, sealy mass. It is regarded as a secondary product of assimilation of the ferment. These observations bear out "The Art of Dispensing" recommendation in one important particular, viz., the virtue of alcohol in preventing viscosity; for it is ohvious that in its presence the metamorphosed cellulose cannot remain diffused in mixtures, supposing it were formed, which is not likely.

# APOTHEKERS AND DRUGGISTS IN GERMANY.

THE living, or annual return, of the licensed pharmacist in Germany is largely dependent upon the extent to which he monopolises the supply of medicaments, and he is therefore naturally anxious that the legislative protection afforded him shall be as complete as possible. The regulations which have been in vogue up to the present—and which will remain in force for another two and a half months-strict as they are, have not given complete satisfaction—at least, to the "apotheker." They were introduced on January 4, 1875, with the object of protecting the licensed pharmacist from the competition in the retail department of the so-called retail druggists, who correspond in many respects to the drysalters and grocer-druggists of England. These regulations were soon found to be defective, and for some years the desirability of revising and strengthening the conditions affecting the sale of drugs and galenicals has been recognised and expressed.

The long-desired reform has at length been undertaken, and the result has been published in the form of an imperial decree, in which "We, William, by the grace of God, German Emperor, King of Prussia, &c.," proclaim to all and sundry those drugs and preparations, the sale of which is to be a monopoly of the licensed "apotheker." These are:—
(1) Decoctions and infusions; (2) caustic pencils; (3) extracts or tinetures; mixtures (4) either of salts or powdered substances, or both together, or (5) of liquids, solutions, mixed balsams, honey preparations, or syrups; (6) capsules

of gelatine or starch; (7) confections; (8) liniments; (9) tablets, pills, and granules; (10) plasters; (11) ointments; and (12) suppositories. The only exceptions-i.e. the only preparations which may be sold by the unlicensed druggists in each class are: -(3) Tinctures of arnica, henzoin, myrrh, and valerian; extracts of pine, meat, coffee, tea, juniper, acorn-coffee, and malt (pure and with iron, cod-liver oil, or lime); raspherry vinegar, and liquorice juice (both pure and with anise); (4) seidlitz powders; smclling salts; salicylic dusting-powder; and mineral salts, both natural and artificial; (5) camphor, ant, and soap spirits; eucalyptus water; fennel or rose honey; simple fruit juices; Hoffmann's drops; codliver oil with peppermint; pepsin wine; simple syrup; (6) capsules eontaining seidlitz powders; copaina balsam; codliver or easter oil, bicarbonate of soda or tartaric acid, (8) simple linimeut, (9) pastilles of mineral salts, peppermint, or chloride of ammonium; (10) cold cream; isinglass plaster; adhesive plaster; corn plasters; lip salve; pitch plaster; mustard leaves and salicylic suet.

These are all the preparations which the druggist will be permitted to keep in stock. The dccrec further specifics those simple drugs and chemicals which may only he sold in the licensed pharmacy (under the usual conditions and regulations), and the list includes 217 articles, or 74 more than were named in the list of 1875. The additions are largely recruited from the newer remedies, the following figuring in the schedule:—Acctanilide, sclerotinic acid, adonidine, amylene hydrate, antipyrin, anthrarobin, betol, cocaine, guaiacol, homatropine, hyoscine, iodol, kairin, phenacctin, salol, semen strophanthi, soziodol, sulphonal, thiol, urethane, zinc ich thyolate, &c.

The Order is to come into force on May 1, 1890, so that a sufficient time is allowed to the druggists to sell off their stock of the various articles which they will not be allowed henceforth to offer for sale.

Many of the proprietors of these druggists' businesses are fully educated, examined chemists, who have either not been able to afford the time to wait for or the money to purchase a regular licence. This is generally known by the public, who consider that they are therefore likely to be as well served by the one class as the other, while they imagine rightly or wrongly, that at the unlicensed shop they will be able to buy more economically—a consideration of considerable importance to the people of all nations, including the Germanic!

#### COMMENTARY.

THE GLASS BOTTLE INDUSTRIES, LIMITED.—This company has not proceeded to allotment, and it is said that the money subscribed is to he returned. Our information is to the effect that the ordinary shares were fully subscribed for, and that the dehenture stock was taken up by some of the vendors, but that the preference shares did not meet with as much favour. One of the explanations of the breakdown put forward is that the combination had been worked by the Ashley Company, they only entering after the prospectus had been put out. Then some of the other directors rehelled, thinking the Ashley Company's terms too high. It is stated as probable that a new combination will be formed shortly.

THE MEDICAL CURRICULUM.—There is to he serious opposition, it is said, to the proposal of the Education Committee of the General Medical Council "to fix the period of study required to obtain a registrable qualification at five years." The objections come mainly from the Scotch and Irish Colleges and the Apothecaries' Hall, the students

objecting to being compelled to undergo the expense of an additional year's study. When the Council meets again the matter will be fully discussed in the light of stirring protests from several quarters.

REGULATING PRICES.—Consequent on Messrs. Elliman's letter in our last, a correspondent in the North of London has sent us some particulars of a case of cutting their article which occurred, he said, about three months ago. We have had the opportunity of alluding to the case to Messrs. Elliman, and they say, naturally enough, that they could not investigate an event so far hack. They say cutting sales have been reported to them and price lists sent in confirmation from time to time, and they have ascertained in many cases that the agreement had heen signed since the issue of these, and sometimes that the quoted price had heen qualified by a notification. They find that wholesalers are getting to understand that they are serious, and they tell us of several instances of large vendors who have held out, but are now agreeing to their conditions.

DUBOISINE AND HYOSCYAMINE.—Scherings, of Berlin, in a letter to their London representatives, write:—"We worked recently a quantity of Duhoisia leaves for duboisine, which we obtained as a pure base in form of a brownish thick liquid. The sulphate which we obtained from it—that is, the sulphate of duhoisine—corresponded perfectly and in all respects with hyoscyamine sulphate. According to this, the statement of Ladenhurg is confirmed. We obtained the hyoscine from the mother liquor, not only of the duhoisine sulphate, hnt also of that of the hyoscyamine sulphate, which we had obtained from helladonna root." As it has heen elsewhere stated that it is hyoscine which duboisine resembles, this communication is noteworthy.

EXALGINE.—Since the introduction of this analgesic hy Pr. Dujardin Beaumetz little atteution has heen given to it in this country, probably hecause of its close relation to acetanilide (antifehrin), and the satisfaction which that remedy has given. But some light has heen thrown on the distinctive merits of exalgine hy Professor T. R. Fraser in a clinical lecture delivered at the Edinhurgh Royal Infirmary. Professor Fraser never commits himself about a thing until he is sure, and that fact adds value to his opinions on exalgine. Methyl-acetanilide, or exalgine (C9H11NO) occurs in colourless needle-shaped crystals, which have a faintly aromatic odour and a slightly pungent taste. It is nearly insoluble in water, but is freely soluble in rectified spirit, and even in dilute alcohol. Professor Fraser finds that from 16 to 20 grains may be dissolved in } drachm of rectified spirit, and that this solution may be diluted with 3 or 4 oz. of water, and still remain perfectly clear. As a solution so made, and containing ½ grain or 1 grain in a teaspoonful, has but little taste, it is generally used without the addition of any flavouring agent. Professor Fraser has used the remedy in doses of  $\frac{1}{2}$  grain, frequently increased to 1, 2, 3, and 4 grains, but seldom exceeding 14 grains per day, this quantity not inducing any bad results. The notes of the cases of neuralgia, &c., in which exalgine was used show that in about ten minutes after the dose was administered rclief was obtained. It was attempted to relieve pains of various kinds with the drug, but, as was to be expected, it failed in some instances, succeeding, however, in a wonderful manner in facial and other neuralgias, seiatica, toothache, cardiae angina, and even in onc easc of pleurisy. Douhtless the result of Professor Fraser's observations (which are fully reported in the British Medical Journal) will be a demand for exalgine, and we may repeat that the doses which are most to be relied on are \frac{1}{3} and 1 grain.



The Microscope in the Brewery and Malthouse. By C. G. Matthews, F.C.S., &c., and F. E. Lott, A.R.S.M., &c. Londou: Bemrose & Son. Large 8vo, 212 pp. Price 21s.

This work may be said to have a value outside the special industry for which the authors have designed it. The substance of the volume was originally given as a course of lectures to young browers at the principal seat of the brewing industry in this country, and in the form of the handsome volume before us the lectures will appeal to all who are interested in fermentation. Brewing now takes rank as a distinctly scientific occupation. Once upon a time it was not so; traditional methods held sway, and rule of thumb dominated all that was done in the production of the "poor man's beer," but since Pasteur's classic research on fermentation — a research which took that world-known chemist iuto a chauuel of investigation which has been productive of the greatest good to mankiud—those who aim to produce malt beverages cannot ignore the microscope as au aid to their work. Morcover, the study of chemistry has become imperative in the brewing in-Some of our most accomplished chemists are connected with it, and it is a notable fact that the great enhancement of onr knowledge of starches and sugars which the past ten years have seen is very largely due to the perseverauce and skill of the chief chemist to Bass & Co.

"The Microscope in the Brewery and Malthouse" is a somewhat modest title for Messrs. Matthews and Lott's book. The first two chapters are, it is true, wholly devoted to the mechanical arrangements and manipulation of the microscope, and in the appendix there are many valuable hints to the microscopist, but the remaining ten chapters in the book are a combination of bacteriology and brewing which reflects much credit upon the authors. We naturally find a succinct description of the life-history of yeast (Saccharomyces cerevisiae); but that is by no means the only organism which is found in beer-worts, and it is to the description of the others that much of the volume is devoted. Moreover, all the materials which are used in brewing are dealt with chemically and microscopically. How the authors treat their subjects may be judged from this quotation from the paragraphs on hops:—

"The oily and resinons contents [of hop glands] include the hop oil or aroma, hop hitter proper, resin, fat, and astringent matter of the nature of tannin. As hops 'age' the contents of the capsules become gradually less oily and more highly colonred, till at length, in hops that are two or three years old, only hard dark-coloured matter is left, where formerly was a golden oily substance . . . Most hops . . . show hacteria, crystals (prohably malate and oxalate of lime), cells of saccharomyces, infusoria, and protococcus. Many samples yield mould spores, and some few show these

last in considerable profusion."

It will be seen from this quotation how innocently the brewer imports enemies into his brewing-vat—in fact, in grain, water, and everything which he uses, an encmy to the simple alcoholic fermentation lurks. Those who are desirous of knowing the effects of these enemies, how to counteract them, and all that should be done to brew scientifically cannot do hetter than consult Messrs. Matthews and Lott's volume. It is splendidly got up, and is specially rich in well-executed illustrations.

A Handbook of Quantitative Analysis. By John Mills and Barker North. London: Chapman & Hall (Limited). 8vo., 220 pp. 3s. 6d.

This handhook is an expansion of the smaller "introductory lessons" which we reviewed recently. It will be remembered that the lessons treated of gravimetric and volumetric analyses — substantially with the principles upon which commercial quantitative analysis is hased. The present volume deals with the analysis of alloys, minerals, ores, and the assaying of gold and silver, with the

analysis of such substances as hleaching powder, alkali, and soap, water and gas analysis, and ultimate organic analysis. It could not be possible in such a handbook as this to treat so many subjects—widely different subjects—with completeness. Nor have the authors attempted this. They have written for students, not for specialists, and on the whole they have succeeded in producing a useful volume. Chemists and druggists who do not have the necessity for special treatises in each of the departments which we have mentioned will find this book a useful one to have.

A Manual of Materia Medica. By John M. Maisch, Ph.M., &c. Fourth edition. Philadelphia: Lea Brothers & Co., 1890. 8vo., 539 pages and 259 illustrations.

IT does not seem long ago since we had the opportunity of expressing a favourable opinion of the third edition of this excellent student's manual of materia medica. As it happens to be one of the best manuals of its size in the English language, we cheerfully welcome this fourth edition. It is essentially a revised edition, not an enlarged one, for the couple of new illustrations, and the few fresh pages of matter, have not added materially to its bulk. But a close comparison of the two editions enables us to say that the author has brought it up to date in a thorough manner. He has succeeded, in short, in keeping pace with the researches and improved pharmacognosy of the past three years, and has embodied in the book a triple essence of all that is valuable, without detracting from its value as a text-book. This is a rare virtue in advanced teachers. They show a disposition now and then to forget that students must know the oldest facts before they imbibe the new. Not so Professor Maisch. Apart from this, the mannal has undergone a few small but important changes, such as the arrangement of drugs according to origin on the "Genera Plantarnm" system; antidotes are given to poisonous drugs; we observe a number of useful alterations under essential oils; some additional practical matter under fixed oils, and several slips of previous editions have been removed. Perhaps the best feature of the book is that it is not "adapted" to any particular pharmacopæia, so that it is as well suited for the English student as for the American.

The Surgical Treatment of the Common Deformities of Children. By Walter Pye, F.R.C.S. Bristol: John Wright & Oo. 8vo, 216 pages and 80 illustrations.

This is a thoroughly practical work, dealing with a most pitiful group of human afflictions. If there is anything which we have to thank modern surgical art for it is the large measure of relief it has afforded to young sufferers from deformity, and the hope of their growing up to manhood and womanhood with some prospect of being like their more fortunate fellows in form and comeliness. Mr. Pye's book contributes largely towards this end, and it is all the better for being graphically written and so well illustrated.

Proceedings of the American Pharmaccutical Association. Vol. xxxvii. Philadelphia: 1889.

In addition to a 306-page report of the proceedings of the associations meeting at San Francisco, this volume contains 433 pages of a report on the progress of pharmacy from July 1, 1888, to June 30, 1889, this part heing written by Mr. C. Lewis Diehl. The volume extends to 850 pages. In many respects the "Proceedings" is a typical work of reference, and we can say of Mr. Diehl's section of it that, for general usefuluess, and concisencss and lucidity in abstracting, it reaches the high-water mark of year-book literature.

Hints on Nursing. By Mena Drcw, with introduction by Dr. H. A. Allbutt. London: R. Forder, 28 Stonecutter Street. Pp. 72. 6d.

MISS DREW has been a hospital and a private nurse. She appears to have acquired a sound knowledge of her profession, and is certainly able to impart her instructions in terse, clear language. Her little manual is an excellent guide to women, all of whom ought to have at least some skill in nnrsing.

## Notes of Nobelties.

#### THE "VEREKER" INHALER.

"THE only fault we had to find with the Vereker inhaler," said one of Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome & Co.'s young men to one of ours, "was that when you wanted to take it to the Continent with you you felt inclined to take a boy to earry it. We do away with that probability now, and greatly enhance its portability, by putting it up in this very compact form." A neat little case, just about 6 inches each way, was produced; it was nicely

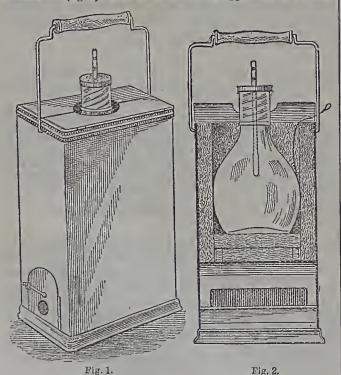


covered with claret-coloured leatherette, and had a pretty nickel-silver lock. The illustration shows the internal arrangement. "This looks better, certainly. Have you raised the price?" "No; we charge the old price only. Dr.

Murell was so taken with this new size that he has figured the inhaler in his latest book."

#### THE LACTOTHERME.

An ingenious little apparatus has been added to the sundries' list of Mr. William Toogood, of Heddon Street, Regent Street, under the name of "Lactotherme." The apparatus consists of a small portable brass stove, 8 inches high by 4 inches wide, which is shown closed in the accompanying illustration (fig. 1). At the bottom of the apparatus is a small



compartment, heated either by means of a carbon block, or, on a more old-fashioned principle, by a floating wick and oil. A box of ten carbon blocks and one of floating wicks are included with each lactotherme. If carbon blocks are used they should be placed on a small grill, while for the floats a tin receptacle is provided. The upper and larger compartment is lined with felt, and serves as a receptacle for the feeding-bottle (the apparatus is primarily intended as an appanage of the nursery); but it may also be used conveniently for

the preparation of foods for invalids and travellers. When the feeding-bottle is being heated its tube is replaced by a thermometer, included in the apparatus, which indicates the degree of heat to which the milk should be warmed. When that degree is reached the thermometer may be replaced by the ordinary tube, the lids are closed, and the food within will be kept hot for a long time. The carbon blocks burn about seven hours, and the floating wick nine. The lactotherme may be had in japanned iron, brass, or nickel-plated.

### Trade Rotes.

THE directors of the Salt Union (Limited) recommend a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum for the last half-year, carrying forward 41,000*l*.

The Sanitas Company (Limited) recommend a final dividend of 5 per cent. (tax free), and the addition of a sum equal to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  per cent. on the paid-up capital to the reserve fund.

MESSES. BURROUGHS, WELLCOME & Co. expect in the course of a few days to have arrangements complete for the manufacture of their tabloids of salicylic acid, and salicylate of soda from the physiologically pure acid, and in future will only supply such tabloids. They purify the acid themselves, they tell us.

CLARKE'S PYRAMID AND FAIRY LIGHT COMPANY (LIMITED), Cricklewood, N.W., have been appointed sole agents for the "Sacosa Plate Powder," an article possessing genuine merit, and which has a large sale throughout the United States of America. The proprietors are the well-known wholesale druggists Messrs. Coffin, Redington & Co., New York.

WE have received a copy of the second edition of Dr. M. K. Hargreave's "Practical Manual of Venercal Diseases" (London: R. Kimpton, 126 Wardour Street). The author informs us that the long delay in the production of this edition, which has been complained of by many subscribers to this journal, has been occasioned by a misunderstanding on the part of the printer which necessitated a second printing. Much of the text has been rewritten.

REPORTED SALE OF MR. MERCK'S NEW YORK BUSINESS.—A report was current in drug circles in New York a few days ago that an English syndicate had made overtures to buy the New York house of Mr. E. Merck, of Darmstadt. The New York manager, Mr. Theodore Weicker, who is also a member of the firm, was seen by a representative of the O. P. & D. Reporter, and admitted that he had been approached by a syndicate with offers to buy, but stated that he had positively refused to entertain their proposition.

THE RUNCORN SOAP AND ALKALI COMPANY. — The annual meeting of the shareholders of this company was held in Liverpool on February 10. The report for the past year expressed regret at the result of the working, which, however, had been carried on under exceptional circumstances. The net profit for the year had been 963l. 16s. 9d. and the balance from last year, 5,864l. 16s. 7d., being added to this, made 6,823l. 13s. 4d. as the present available surplus. It was proposed not to pay a dividend, but to carry forward the whole sum. The report was adopted.

THE Chesebrough Company, 42 Holborn Viaduct, send us a pamphlet, entitled "Pure Air or Poison," written by Mr. Charles F. Wingate, an American sanitary engineer. It is a particularly able exposition of the principles on which the heating and ventilation of rooms and houses should be carried out. We gather that the Chesebrough Vaseline Company are allied with a "Chesebrough Heating and Ventilating Company" in New York, and that Mr. Wingate has found their apparatus answer his scientific requirements. The essay is not the less interesting because its object is, as we presume, to advertise a particular apparatus.

THE CIVIL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY (LIMITED).

—The directors' report of the business of this concern last year shows that purchases during that period amounted to

405,752*l.*, and sales to 481,120*l*. The value of the trading stock on December 31 was 113,791*l.*, and the net profit (after appropriating 1,474*l*. for fittings) 16,647*l*. They propose to pay to shareholders the maximum dividend of 5 per cent., free of income-tax, which will absorb 5,000*l.*, and to set aside 4,000*l.* to the leasehold premises redemption fund, 3,000*l.* to the auxiliary insurance fund, and 250*l.*, as usual, to the provident fund, leaving 7,188*l.* to be carried forward.

MESSRS. FITZSIMMONS & FEARNLEY, of Port Street, Manchester, send us a bottle of ginger-ale made from the soluble essence which they offer to the trade. The alc is a delightful beverage, of good aroma, free from any sharp initial pungency, but leaving a refreshed feeling on the palate, as well as being generally of a warming character. The beverage is perfectly bright, and has not lost that character after being kept in a warm room for a fortnight. It would appear, therefore, that the essence from which the ale is made is possessed of merit which warrants a trial of it by those who have not had dealings with Messrs. Fitzsimmons & Fearnley.

MESSRS. BRUNNER, MOND & Co. (LIMITED).—The balance-sheet for the half-year ending December 31, 1889, has just been issued by the directors of the above company, and will be presented to the shareholders at a meeting to be held in Liverpool on February 20. The accounts show a profit on the working of the half-year of 120,639l. 16s. 10d., which, with the amount of 15,734l. 15s. 1d. brought forward from the previous half-year, makes a total of 136,374 11s. 11d. The directors propose to distribute the full dividend on the preference capital of 350,000l., and a dividend on the ordinary capital at the rate of 30 per cent.; 2,500l. is to be written off patents account, and 20,000l placed to suspense account, which will leave 13,805l. 16s. 11d. as balance to be carried forward. The directors propose again to place to suspense account a sum of 20,000l., towards meeting the cost of the remodelling of a portion of the plant, which is in progress. The directors who retire by rotation are Mr. Henry Brunner, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Galloway, all of whom are eligible for re-election. The property of the company is valued at 1,280,634l, which includes 624,343l. as the estimated value of the alkali-works at Winnington and Sandbach; 211,446l. for land, houses, brine-shafts, salt-works, &c., and 124,856l. for rolling-stock, barges, products, &c. The company appears to be worked with great economy, as out of an expenditure of 131,486l. 16s. 1d. the directors' salaries amount only to 3,100l., and the office salaries and auditing to 2,565l. 19s. 3d.

THE LONDON PRODUCE CLEARING-HOUSE (LIMITED).-The third general meeting of this company was held on Monday at the City Terminus Hotel. Mr. F. J. Johnston presided, and, in moving the adoption of the report, observed that the principles of the company's business were now more generally understood and more fully appreciated, as was shown by the increasing volume of their contracts for coffce, sugar, and tea. In wheat and maize, their two latest introductions, the business so far had been insignificant, there having been apparently no reason for speculation in these articles. The business of the company was not to make speculation, but to regulate and keep it sound in the interests of legitimate trading, by which means they might be sure the most solid operators would be brought into the market. Their charges were now only 47 per cent. of their earnings, against 57 per cent. in their preceding accounts, a reduction which they hoped to see increased as their business developed. During the eight months under review their guarantee contracts had represented a value of 36,000,000%, against something over 22,000,000% in the previous twelve months, or in the twenty months since the company began business a total of 58,000,000%, of which all but about 60,000% had now been liquidated. No better proof of the soundness of their system could be given than the fact that, in securing to the trade the due fulfilment of these contracts for 58,000,000*l*, the loss of the company had been limited to 3431. This result was the more striking when it was remembered that in both coffee and sugar there had been very large and sudden fluctuations in prices. With this almost entire absence of loss and so large a turnover their earnings might seem small, more especially when it was mentioned that they had paid to the brokers about 50,000%. in the eight

months, or at the rate of 75,000l. per annum, against about 30,000% in the previous twelve months. They had, however, laid it down as a principle that their tax on trade should be as light as possible, and that they must look to the magnitude of their operations as the surest and soundest means of securing to the sharcholders a full and permanent return on their capital. Their desire was to build up a system which would be of real use to commerce by giving merchants a free and ready market, and thus bring business to the port of London and increase its activity as a depôt. Passengers moving from one part of England to another often found it much more convenient to take the longer route  $vi\hat{a}$  London owing to its much better travelling facilities, and there was good reason to hope that foreign merchandise might do the same to a very considerable extent if London's great financial resources were assisted by a ready market, and provided, of course, trade were not hindered by prohibitory dock and labour charges. The report was adopted, and a resolution afterwards passed declaring the dividend recommendedviz., 6 per cent., or 5s. per share.

#### NEW COMPANIES.

THE ST. JOHN'S PANDERMIC OINTMENT COMPANY is announced, with a capital of 10,000l. It is projected to take over the manufacture and sale of an ointment which Mr. John Russell, of St. John's, Sntton-at-Hone, Kent, has for thirty years been supplying gratuitously for skin-diseases, but for the formula of which the company is to pay him 1,200l. He, with Mr. W. May, St. Mary Cray, and Mr. T. Batten, Foxdene, Chislehurst, are named as the first directors.

I. Levinstein & Co. (Limited).—This company, as stated in our issue of February 1, has been formed with a capital of 150,000*l*., in 10*l*. shares, for the purpose of acquiring the business of manufacturing chemists and colour manufacturers carried on by Ivan Levinstein & Co. The first subscribers are:—I. Levinstein, Minshull Street, Manchester, chemical manufacturer; R. Mitscherlich, Levenshulme, clerk; H. T. Böttinger, Elberfeld; F. Bayer, Elberfeld; F. C. Dursberg, Elberfeld; G. W. Fox, Princess Street, Manchester, solicitor; C. A. Martius, PhD., Berlin; L. Schad, Ph.D., Berlin; F. Oppenheim, Ph.D., Berlin. So long as shares to the nominal value of 49,000*l*. are held by the Farbenfabriken, vormals Friedr. Bayer & Co., and similar amounts by the Actien Gesellschaft für Anilin Fabrikation, and by Ivan Levinstein, each may appoint a director, and until three directors are thus appointed Messrs. I. Levinstein, H. T. Böttinger, and C. A. Martius are to be directors. Mr. Levinstein is appointed managing director, and for every year in which the profits do not exceed 5 per cent. shall not be entitled to any remuneration, but for every additional \( \frac{1}{2} \) per cent. he will be entitled to 300*l*, and to 100*l*. for each additional \( \frac{1}{2} \) per cent. over 7\( \frac{1}{2} \) per cent. In calculating yearly profits for this purpose, depreciation shall be allowed for at the rate of 5 per cent. on buildings, and 10 per cent. on machinery.

"HE won't be happy till he gets it" is being executed in postage-stamp size, with as many colours as the original. They will be Pears-ed in the same way as the stamps also, we suppose.

This is a prescription which one of our subscribers in the West-end of London has recently dispensed:—

What have Stage

Although reduced in size, the difficulty of deciphering the scrawl has not been increased.

#### TRADE-MARKS APPLIED FOR.

The Trade Marks Journal publishes the following notice:—"Any person who has good grounds of objection to the registration of any of the following marks may, at any time within one month of the date of this journal, give notice in duplicate, at the Patent Office, in the form 'J,' in the record schedule to the Trade Marks Rules, 1883, of opposition to such registration." All communications to be addressed to H. Reader Lack. Esq., Comptroller General, at the Patent Office, 25 Southampton Buildings, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

#### From the "Trade Marks Journal," January 29, 1890.

- Various pictnresque designs illustratiug Buddhistic objects; also sketch of two birds; also designs with female figures in Eastern costume; also sketch of camel and lider, on oblong labels; for chemical substances, aniline dyes, and raw or partly-prepared vegetable, animal, and mineral substances. By the Action-Gesellschaft für Anilin Fabrikation an der Treptower Brücke, Berlin. 93,159, 93,937, 93,938, 93,947, 93,951, 93,952, 93,956, 93,970.
- "ALBUMIGUM"; for a thickening compound in food; also a compound for stationery purposes. By Kay Bros. (Limited), St. Petersgate Mills, Stockport. 93,206, 93,207.
- "CAPITAL BRAND"; for glueose, liquorice, gelatine, &c., used as food. By Tolmé & Runge, 16 Mincing Lane, London. 93,502, 93,503.
- "BLA-CUR-EX"; for goods included in Class 42. By James Pascall, 25 Valentine Place, and 100 and 101 Blackfriars Road, London. 94,221.
- "PARRAKEET"; for perfumery, &c. By J. Scott, 79 Bridge Street, Warrington. 92,961.
- "Ormoleine"; for furniture polish. By Ormoleine Company. Newcastle, Stafford. 91,695.
- "RUMOND"; for furniture polish. By John Simpkins, 33 Hyde Street, Winchester. 93,794.
- Sketch of chariot, horses, and driver; for plate powder, polishing fluid, &c. By Hollis & Son, 14 Old Street, E.C. 94,245.

#### From the "Trade Marks Journal," February 5, 1890.

- "ALBUMIGUM"; for a compound used for adhesive, sizeing, glazing, &c. By Kay Brothers (Limited), St. Petersgate Mills, Stockport. 93,205.
- Picturesque sketch with lion, lioness, and cubs in foreground; for chemical substances. By Leopold Cassella & Co., Frankfort-on-Maine, Germany. 93,687.
- "PEACOCK BRAND," and picture of a peacock; for chemical substances, and for raw or partly-prepared vegetable, animal, and mineral substances used in manufactures. By Griffiths Brothers & Co., 29 Macks Road, Bermondsey. 93,783-93,784.
- "Peotakos"; for a medicinal preparation for coughs, bronchitis, &c. By E. Jones, Medical Hall, Miles Bank, Hanley, Staffordshire. 93,710.
- Sketch of serpent forming letter "S," with the letters "E J."; for all goods in Class 4. By E. J. Scott, 169 Preston New Road, Blackburn. 94,118.
- "STICKPHAST PASTE," with sketch on bottle, and wording; for paste. By Field & Tuer, 50 Leadenhall Street, E.C. 93,873.
- Sketch of the mountains of the world, showing their relative heights, shining sun, and flagstaff with banneret; for food substances. By Payton & Co., Tower Hill Warehouse, E.C. 89,491.
- Sketch of "Master Humphrey's Clock"; for baking, egg, and custard powder, condiments, &c. By Humphrey & Co., 133 Chatsworth Road, Lower Clapton, Middlesex. 94,028.
- "Sunnycro"; for food substances. By Exell Brooks & Co., Garden Street, Withy Grove, Manchester. 94,034.

- Picture of swan on circular black label, with the word "Purity"; for food substances, and for blue, soaps, starch, and oils, &c. By H. Gill and R. Ridehalgh, trading as H. Gill & Co., Neal Street, Bradford. 90,040-90,041.
- Picturesque sketch of walk on Richmond Hill, with female figure; for food substances, and for soap, detergents, oils, &c. By Leach Brothers, George Street, Richmond. 24,307-94,308.
- Design of mail-clad figures, with coat of arms on oval label; for aërated waters. By Forfarshire Aërated Water Company, 1 Commercial Street, Dundee. 81,901.
- "HARRINGTON"; for mineral waters. By Harry Cogill, Southend, Essex. 90,853.
- "T. P." and other words on circular label. By Thomas Pett, Church Street, Chatham. 93,201.
- Sketch of soap tablet; for perfumed soap. By R. Weaver, 24 High Holborn, Middlesex. 93,408.
- Sketch of three children and dog, with wording on black shield; for a hair-wash. By F. J. Bothams, 4 Blackmoor Street, Drury Lane, W.C. 93,790.
- Picturesque sketch of Niagara Falls, with American and English coat of arms, and wording; for a preparation for the hair. By W. P. Hey, Crosby Terrace, Crosshills, Keighley. 94,082.

#### From the "Trade Marks Journal," February 12, 1890.

- "Fox," and sketch of running fox; for fusible mineral cement. By Fox & Williams, 15 King Street, Chester Road, Manchester. 94,298.
- "Castle Relish," with representation of a castle, and wording on square label; for a sauce. By Wilkinson & Simpson, 24 Newgate Street, Newcastle on-Tyne. 92,973.
- "SIM NEL'S"; for baking powder, &c. By J. Pennington, 49 Clerké Street, Bury, Lancashire. 93,735.
- Sketch of a bow and arrow, with the word "Ness"; for mineral and aërated waters. By James Bowness, Shawclough, Newchurch, Lancashire. 88,182.

#### From the "Trade Marks Journal," February 19, 1890.

- Designs on label of a bear holding shield, with monogram and wording; also sketch with bison bull in foreground; for chemical substances used in manufactures, &c., and for vegetable, animal, and mineral substances. By the Actien-Gesellschaft Für Anilin-Fabrikation an der Treptower Brücke, Berlin. 93,162, 93,164, 93,170, 93,171, 93,935, 93,936.
- "BARTHOLOMEW RED"; for pigments. By T. Wildash & Sons, 66 and 67 Bartholomew Close, London, E.C. 94,342.
- "ANTIENZA"; for medicines and other articles in Class 3. By W. J. Lancaster, Colmore Row, Birmingham. 94,626.
- "TCHADUNA," with signature, on label; for medicines for human use. By W. H. Millard, 13 Zinzan Street, Reading. 94,694.
- "ECLIPSE"; for articles for food. By J. S. Parker and L. S. Parker, trading as Parker & Sons, Wymondham, Norfolk. 82,002.
- "BEEF BOUILLON," "B.B.B.," and other wording; for an article of food. By Barrett's Brewery and Bottling Company (Limited), 87 Wandsworth Road, London. 93,872
- "DAGMAR"; for food substances. By Thos. Nesbitt & Co., Hibernia Chambers, London Bridge, Southwark, S.E. 94,394.
- "C. S. L." as monogram, and wording; for mineral and aërated waters. By Samuel Cleaver, Wharf Street, Leicester. 93,857.
- "For Superflous Hair," with portrait of a man's head, and various wording; for toilet soaps and preparations, &c. By J. H. Woodbury, West Forty-second Street, New York. 94,283.

#### AT THE COUNTER.

PHONETIC.—A representative of this journal called on a chemist in the Black Country a short time since. A girl about 14 years old came in the shop and asked for "a syphon and a bladder on a plaster." Our man knew what the syphon meant, but he watched cagerly to see what the other thing was going to be. When the assistant had smilingly served a belladonna plaster, and was complimented on his discernment, he said he had a note the other day asking for "holy files," for which he had supplied olive oil.

MR. VICTOR L. A. DESCHAMPS, of Kingston, Jamaica, sends us some specimens of native orders, but they do not differ much from those sent to pharmacists by illiterate natives of this country. One says:—"Sir Please give the Bearer 1\frac{1}{3} in Porouse placer wat we call Streamking Plaster the read coine for Pain." Another is as follows:—"Sasafox Chip 3d. niger vity chip 3d. Polia ch 3 Gumayur Cum 2d. Snake root 2d."

Two incidents reported from Cardiff:—Lady Customer: "Please a pennyworth of camphor. I have just been to see a dead hody, and smelt her breath." Little Girl: "Please I want a pen'north of colza oil and pen'north of pills for working a magic-lantern."

A CHEMIST near the Borders sends the following order be received lately, which seems to be genuine:—"An old coch's police plestnre for a broken rib at 6d."

A YORKSHIRE chemist reports the following incident:—A woman came for some venice turpentine for her husband, who had a pain in his back. She made him some pills, and afterwards thought "what was good to take must be good to rub with," so proceeded to rub it well into his back (the venice turpentine heing rather thin). You may judge the consequences when she tried to wash it off.

RAD. GENT. (235/66) sends the subjoined specimens of orders received "behind the counter" in Lancashire:— High dried pot ash. Efferance tarterine. Spirits lodlam. Spirits archorn without oil in. Cincric of iron for tooth ache. I peneth canverated oil. Choric ruther. Tincue of merr. Heppy wine. Iapuane wine. I penny worth heather. 2 peneth hassefety. Loaf borokes. If it will hold 2 ounces of cordial send two and if won't hold two ounces you must send one. It has a tooth through, but its gathered all round and its tongue is all blisters on.

This is how they order them in the West of England:—Polyanthus water (Apollinaris), magnified fluid, salts of sorrow, harmonium, Saddler's pouther (seidlitz), blue urchin (hlue nuction), herget herry, 1d. Peters skin (G. P. skin), absent salts, diabolic lotion (carbolic lotion), the cognac to mend flags (coaguline).

A Kent collection of curiosities sent to us contains the following curiosities:—Terra cotta acid for cleaning white hats; voilet logwood for the sweetness of breath; cats pivot oil for deafness (? ol. cajupnti); isle gupiter; hoddiegolone; smiling salts; acividity; penneth the soap and linen mint for a soar throat; kelsertine magnishor; pelelerutcher; scence of armonds.

From a collection sent us by a Scotch subscriber it appears that several North British customers nationalise a popular preparation into "Citric McNeashie." The accent lingers in an order for "box hailing saw," and "3d. Aiden." "Half mushkin cod-liver oil" is no mystery to a Scot, hut might be to a Saxon. "Cat-a-que" is phonetic enough, but "March ment lightment" and "flags lint," when queerly written, need a moment's thought.

#### WILLS OF DECEASED CHEMISTS.

The will, dated July 28, 1888, of the late Mr. John Barclay, of Falmouth, who died on October 27, 1889, has been proved at the Principal Probate Registry by the sons and executors. Messrs. John Henry, Rohert Grenfell, and Charles Barclay, to whom the testator leaves 100l. each. To his other children he leaves an immediate legacy of 50l. each. He makes provision for paying an annuity to a sister-in-law, and bequeaths the residue of his property, real and personal, between his children. The gross personal estate amounted to 15,004l. 5s. 11d., and the net to 7,045l. 3s. 8d.

The will, dated September 1, 1888, of the late Mr. H. J. Blackbourn, of Southport, retired chemist and druggist, who died on December 5, 1889, has been proved at Liverpool by Mrs. Amelia Blackhourn, the widow, and Mr. T. Daniel, the executors. The gross personal estate amounted to 4541. 13s. 9d., and the net to 1851. 8s. 6d. The testator gives his furniture and household effects to his widow, and leaves the residue of his property, real and personal, to his executors in trust for the benefit of his widow and daughter.

The will, dated March 7, 1889, of the late Mr. John Bradshaw, of Adlington, Lancashire, chemist and druggist, who died on April 23, 1889, has been proved at Lancaster Prohate Registry by the widow, the sole acting executrix. The gross and net value of the personalty amounted to 2311. 4s. 9d. The testator gives and devises all his estate, real and personal, to his widow, for her and his two children's joint benefit, directing her to carry on his business so long as she thinks desirable.

The will, dated October 3, 1888, of the late Mr. John Henry Elmitt, of Horncastle, chemist and druggist, who died on December 10, 1889, has been proved at Lincoln Probate Registry by Messrs. C. M. Hodgett and J. H. Ranby, the executors. The testator leaves his furniture, plate, pictures, and household effects, with a legacy of 100l., to his wife. The residue of his estate, real and personal, he leaves in trust to his executors, for the benefit of his wife for life, with remainder to his children. The gross personalty amounted to 1,234l. 8s. 1d.

The will, dated June 26, 1886, of the late Mr. J. T. Horner, of Godstone, Surrey, who died on September 30, 1889, has been proved at the Principal Probate Registry by the executrix, Mrs. Mary Horner (the widow), to whom the testator devises and bequeaths all his property, real and personal, absolutely. The gross personalty amounted to 68,1261. 3s. 11d., and the net to 64,7401. 8s. 10d.

The will (dated October 31, 1874), with a codicil (dated April 22, 1886), of Mr. Charles Noyce Kernot, M.D., formerly of Calcutta, and late of Bishnanth House, West Brighton, who died on September 5 last, was proved on January 31 by Charles Kernot Butt and Mrs. Addaline Lætitia Frances Kersey Kernot, the widow, and acting executors, the value of the personal estate amounting to over 53,000l. The testator hequeaths 200l. and the furniture and effects at his residence to his wife; an annuity of 300l. to his sister, Jane Anne Newman; an annuity of 100l. to his brother, William Pearce Kernot; 1,000l. each to his goddaughter, Clara Louisa Kernot Butt, and Francis Charles Butt, and other legacies. The residue of his real and personal estate he leaves, upon trust, for his wife, for life, and then for all his children, in equal shares.—Illustrated London News. Dr. Kernot was the principal in the firm of Smith, Stanistreet & Co., chemists and druggists, Calcutta.

The will, dated March 24, 1877, of the late Mr. J. B. Marsden, of Kingston-upon-Hull, chemist and druggist, who died on October 17, 1889, has been proved at York Probate Registry, by Mrs. Mary Marsden, the widow and sole executrix, to whom the testator bequeaths and devises the whole of his estate both real and personal for her absolute use. The gross personalty amounted to 2741.

Letters of administration of the personalty of the late Mr. Solomon Perry, chemist, of Tavistock, who died intestate on August 21, 1889, have been granted at Exeter Probate Registry to Mrs. Eliza Perry, the widow. The gross value of the personalty amounted to 7581. 14s. 4d., and the net to 6501. 12s.  $2\frac{1}{2}d$ .

## Trade Report.

Notice to Retail Buyers:—It should be remembered that the quotations in this section are invariably the lowest net cash prices actually paid for large quantities in bulk. In many cases allowances have to be added before ordinary prices can be ascertained. Frequently goods must be picked and sorted to suit the demands of the retail trade, causing much labour and the accumulation of rejections, not all of which are suitable, even for manufacturing purposes.

It should also be recollected that for many articles the range of quality is very wide.

42 CANNON STREET, E.C., February 20.

THERE appears to have heen more life in our markets during the last few days, and the principal alterations this week are in the direction of higher prices. The drug nuctions to-day passed off with a much better tone than has been observed lately, and a large proportion of the goods offered changed hands, although no material alterations were established. The following is a synopsis of the week's movements:—Drugs: Higher: star-anise, cannabis indica, cascarilla, certain grades of cardamoms, raw camphor, gentian, gum ammoniacum, glycerine, jalap, kamala, oils of bergamot, geranium, and mirhane, Tonquin beans, jaborandi leaves, beeswax, and calahar beans. Firm: Rhubarb, senna, vanilla, ipecacuanha, cascara sagrada, ergot of rye, and gum myrrh. Lower: Curação aloes, ordinary Zanzibar aloes, Tolu, cuhebs, fenugreek, gum henzoin (some lots sold without reserve), Tonquin musk (third pile), menthol, and sassafras oil. Opium is weak. In chemicals we quote higher: refined camphor, arsenic, sulphate of copper and caustic soda; and lower: citric acid, tartaric acid, cream of tartar, and quinine. Quicksilver is lower. In the drysaltery and outside markets the changes may be summed up as follows:-Advanced: Turmeric, Siam sticklac, quillaya, dyewood extracts, cotton oil, linseed oil, rape oil. Galls and gambier are steady. Benzol, ordinary olive oils, castor oil, turpentine, shellac, soda crystals, cloves, ginger, and pearl sago are easier to buy.

ACIDS.—Citrie remains very neglected, and if any change at all, it is just a shade easier, 1s.  $2\frac{3}{4}d$ . having heen accepted for the week. Boracio very firm at prices last qnotcd. Oxalie: It is not so easy to find sellers, and 3d. per lb. is the lowest qnotation (sal acetos,  $4\frac{1}{2}d$ . to  $4\frac{3}{4}d$ .) Tartario: In foreign acid there has been a decline of  $\frac{1}{2}d$ . per lb., sales having been made first at 1s. 2d., and subsequently at s.  $1\frac{3}{4}d$ ., less usual discount, though for forward delivery 1s.  $2\frac{1}{3}d$ . is still asked. English may now be had at 1s.  $2\frac{1}{3}d$ . to 1s. 3d., according to brand, but Lawes' is still held above that figure by the makers.

ALOES.—Part of the recent arrivals of Cape aloes was offered to-day, the bulk of the 50 cases catalogued heing owned by the first hand. Twenty-five of these sold at steady prices—25s. to 26s. for fair to good hright hard, and 23s. to 24s. for medium. The importers say that they have no knowledge of any further lots on the way. If it were not for the ahundance of ordinary Curação aloes and other canses the value of the Cape variety would undoubtedly he very much higher than it is now. Of Curaçãos a fair quantity, mostly of ordinary quality, was again forced off at reduced values, a few packages of good brown livery in gonrds at 60s. to 65s., pieces at 32s. per cwt., common overheated at 5s. to 10s. per ewt. Good bright Capey without buyers, and bonght in at 22s. per ewt. For 25 hoxes so-called Barbadoes there were no hids at 25s. per cwt. Several lots of East Indian aloes sold, soft sour red Zanzibar in tins being knocked down very cheaply at 39s. to 41s. per cwt., while for fair hard red an offer of 75s. per cwt. was solicited without response.

Ambergris.—Fine quality remains excessively scarce, and brings fancy prices. At auction several lots were offered, but none of them were of first-rate quality; 5 tins were hought in, fair-flavoured chips at 120s. nominally; ordinary hlack and specky, 55s. to 60s. said to be the price. A lot of about 23 oz. black gummy, weak flavoured, sold subject to approval at 35s. per oz.

AMMONIA SALTS .- Carbonate steady, but unchanged,

3½d. per lb. being the quotation for English; for quantities this might be shaded. Sal ammoniae remains in very good demand at 37s. for first and 35s. for second quality bright crystals. Sulphate steady, with very little change; Beckton terms, 11l. 16s. 3d.; 24-per-cent., London, 11l. 17s. 6d.; Hull and Leith also 11l. 17s. 6d.

ANISE.—We understand that, of the very small stock of Star-anise available in London, a few cases have been sold this week at no less than 115s. per cwt., which shows ahout 10s. advance again. At auction 10 bags ordinary small dusty Spanish were sold at 23s. 6d. per cwt.

ARECA NUTS.—A small consignment of fair quality was offered, and hought in at 25s, per cwt. nominally, 22s. being suggested as an acceptable figure.

ARSENIC is sold at higher prices, and the spot quotation is now 13s. 9d. for best white powder.

BALSAMS.—No Copaiba balsam was offered at anction to-day, hut in the private market the quotations remain unaltered. The arrivals of this variety in New York remain moderate, but the importers' views are so high as to prevent business. The best varieties are still very scarce, and the market remains firm but somewhat slow, Angostura and Maranham equal to 2s. 10d. c.i.f. London. Canada balsam steady at 1s. 4d. to 1s.  $5\frac{1}{2}d$ . per lb. "c.i.f." for good hright thick. Three packages Peruvian balsam were bought in to-day at 4s. per lb.; for somethick balsam (ullage) 2s. 9d. per lb. was accepted. The recent speculative tendency in America is said to have given way, and the market is now reported dull at the parity of 3s. 10d. c.i.f. London. Five cases Tolu were bought in at 1s. 4d. per lb. From America the news comes of an easier market and liberal arrivals in New York. The nearest quotation thence comes to 1s. 3d. per lb. c.i.f.

BENZOL.—The market has been slightly easier this week, and sales are reported at 4s. for 90 per cent. and 3s. 1d. for 50 per cent., but it is thought that the position of the article is quite as strong as ever, and that these sales only represent small quantities which have been sold by some operators for the purpose of depressing the market.

BLEACHING-POWDER.—Prices keep firm, and the demand continues. Tyne and Lancashire, 5l.; London, 6l. 15s.

BORAX.—There is no change in the quotations of the manufacturers; second-hand may be had at 28s. 6d.

BUCHU.—None were offered in auction to-day, but we hear of small sales privately; fair green *round* leaves at a parity of  $3\frac{1}{4}d$ .

CALABAR BEANS.—The last sales reported from Liverpool were at the rate of  $9\frac{3}{3}d$ . per 1b.

CALUMBA.—The price for fine yellow washed is 50s. per ewt., but at the auctions there was no hid for a parcel offered at that figure. 125 bags fair, mostly grey, all sizes, but sound, sold at 10s. 6d. per cwt., rather cheaper.

CAMPHOR (CRUDE).—On the spot there is very little available, and fancy prices are asked—viz., 8l. 10s. per cwt. For forward delivery quotations are much higher, viz., 165s. "c.i.f." terms, delivered weights, at which sales have been made. A vessel with 1,900 tubs, however, is known to be on the way and shortly due, and she is known to be followed at short distance by two others, the aggregate of the three cargoes heing 4,700 tubs. The consignment in the first vessel is said to he all sold already, while of the other two very little is said to be available, hut whether the stnff is in the hands of manufacturers or dealers we cannot say. Mail reports from Hong Kong, dated January 14, state that there were about 100 piculs Japan, but no Formosa eamphor, in stock on that date. Chinese holders were still sellers, but European owners stood out for higher prices. The tone of the market was somewhat less firm.

Camphor (Refined).—The English refiners have now advanced their quotations for Bells to 2s, per lb. Some of the foreign makers appear to be temporarily out of the market, but one of them quotes 1s.  $10\frac{1}{2}d$ , net, or about equal to the English price. The price of the article has now reached a point at which it would seem exceedingly hazardous to forecast even the immediate future. From New York the news comes that the dealers and refiners there are very con-

tident of still higher rates. The latter's price for blocks is equal to 2s. 3d. per oz., and they intend to put it up still further, as they say that they have extreme difficulty in getting supplies of the raw material, which they are purchasing in Europo so far as they are able, while the season for consumption is now gradually drawing nearer. We also hear that German firms are again purchasing camphor in England.

CANNABIS INDICA.—25 packages, fair to stalky, green tops, were bought in at  $5\frac{1}{2}d$ ., and another lot of 8 bags, also fairly good quality, sold at from 5d. to  $5\frac{1}{4}d$ . per 1b., which is an advance of about  $\frac{3}{4}d$ .

CANTHARIDES.—The market for Russian flies on the Continent is, generally, very flat, and our quotations here are without alteration. Chinese neglected.

CARDAMOMS.—Of 253 packages offered to-day, 201 were sold, with good competition, at rather irregular prices, the first lots offered being generally 1d. to 2d. cheaper; but gradually the market improved, and afterwards a slight advance was occasionally obtained. Some fine Wild Ceylon cardamoms sold at from 1d. to 2d. below the recent quotations. The following prices were obtained:—Ceylon-Malabar: medium round yellow, 1s. 8d. to 1s. 9d.; small ditto, 1s. 3d.; medium brown heavy, 1s. to 1s. 1d.; dull and small mixed round, 9½d. to 1s.; fair heavy round brown, 1s. to 1s. 2d.; eommon ditto, 10d. per 1b. Aleppy: ordinary browns, 1s., a good price. Mysore: fine medium to bold pale soft and heavy, 2s. 10d. to 3s; smaller ditto, 1s. 9d.; ditto, but long shaped and smaller size, 1s. 4d.; yellow, heavy good shaped, partly long yellow, 1s. 7d.; smaller size, 1s. 4d.; medium pale, but rather dull, 1s. 7d.; split and brown, mixed medium to bold, 1s.; fair small round, 1s. 1d. to 1s. 3d.; long medium pale, 1s. 6d.; medium yellow round, 2s. 1d., which was several pence above valuation; small grey, 1s. to 1s. 1d. Wild Ceylon: bold full pods, 1s. 11d. to 1s. 9d.; eommon lean ditto, 8d. to 11d. per 1b.

CASCARA SAGRADA.—From New York a better inquiry is reported, and export orders, which have been wanting for a long time, are coming forward. Sales of good thin bark for Germany are reported at 60s., c.i.f. terms, but in other quarters the quotation runs from 62s. 6d. to 65s. per cwt.

CASCARILLA.—A parcel of 30 bales just imported  $vi\hat{u}$  New York sold, with good competition, at an advance of 2s. from the latest quotations: good silvery at 36s.; fair sound at 30s. to 30s. 6d.; ordinary damaged at 27s. to 28s.

CASSIA FISTULA.—120 bags from Ceylon, fairly stout dry pods, were bought in at 12s. per cwt.

CHAMOMILES.—The market remains very quiet, and we do not hear of any transactions privately. About 20 bales shown at the auctions to-day, fair yellow, were bought in at prices ranging from 65s. to 79s. per cwt. nominally.

CHIRETTA.—For a parcel of 19 bales in bundles, of good appearance,  $3\frac{1}{6}d$ . to  $4\overline{d}$ . per lb. is asked.

CINCHONA.—To-day's auctions offered little or nothing of any interest. About 150 packages of flat South American Calisaya, mostly sea-damaged, and nearly all weak and thin, were mostly bought in, a few lots selling at 1s. 1d. to 1s. 2d. for fair, 1s. 4d. for medium, and  $10\frac{1}{2}d$ . down to  $8\frac{1}{2}d$ . per lb. for common discoloured. A single package of 94 lbs. so-called Maraeaibo bark, imported viâ New York, and showing very heavy bold pieces of an almost unnatural red tinge, was bought in at 1s. per lb., but nobody would have it at a penny. The receipts of cinchona in Colombo by the Ceylon Government Railway for the year 1889 were 2,715 tons, compared with 4,422 tons in 1883, a falling off of 1,707 tons. The shipments of bark from Ceylon during the last two seasons have been as follows:—

	1889.	1888.
October	758,835	1,440,797
November	845,356	891,217
December	677,448	1,164,333

For the auctions to be held here on Tuesday next 2,937 packages are already declared. They consist of 1,146 Ceylon, 1,375 East Indian, 130 Java, and 316 South American Calisaya bark. Our imports from all quarters since the last report have been 2,120 packages. The bark

shipments from Java during the first half of the season (July 1 to December 31) have been as follows:—

 Govt. Plantations, Amst.
 1bs. 292,915
 335,433
 381,477
 359,591
 270,578

 Private plantations
 ", 2,321,745
 1,854,838
 1,635,729
 282,105
 429,879

Total .. 2,614,660 2,19 ),321 2,917,206 641,698 700,458

COCA LEAVES.—The quotations remain unchanged since our last report. A parcel of 384 lbs. very good green, but partly broken, leaves from Ceylon (Kelvin estate) has arrived quite recently; an offer of 1s. 6d. per lb. was made, but the owner bought it in at 2s. per lb. Rather large arrivals are reported to have taken place in New York, and the market rules dull and somewhat easier in eonsequence.

COLOGYNTH.—There appears to be rather more demand for this drug; a parcel of 22 packages Turkey apples, fair, partly seedy, is held at 1s. 4d. per lb. Another lot of more ordinary, partly pale, partly dark and seedy, sold at 1s. 2d. per lb.; low at  $10\frac{1}{2}d$ . per lb.

CONDURANGO.—Fourteen bales woody and damaged bark from Guayaquil were shown, and some lots were disposed of at 6d. per lb.

COPPER (SULPHATE) has again advanced; good brands, 93 per cent., on the spot, are now scareely obtainable at 261. 10s., or even 271.; March delivery, 251. 10s. to 261.; May, 241. For delivery in the latter part of the year the article may be had at easier rates, say 221. July-September, but purehasers do not care for elosing on these terms, as it is no secret that the existing facilities for output, both here and abroad, are being increased, and new makers will soon be offering also.

CREAM OF TARTAR.—Still declining. Sales of white crystals are reported at 99s. 6d., and that price to 100s. is the general quotation.

CROTON SEED.—The trade are unwilling to pay the prices for which this article is held. At the auctions an offer of 19s. per ewt. was refused for good bright Ceylon seed, while one of 13s. 6d. per cwt. for partly dark seed was also declined.

CUBERS.—Several parcels, amounting altogether to 39 bags, were shown at to day's auctions, but there is not much demand at the very high rates which are still being asked: fair stalky and dusty mixed at 22l.; for small, very shrivelled berries an offer of 23l. was refused, and a bid of 20l. was also declined for another lot fair, slightly doubtful, mixed and dusty. The article seems to be slowly coming down from the very high quotations. The shipments of cubebs from Java during the first half of the season (July 1 to December 31) have been: in 1839, 379 piculs; in 1838, 148 piculs.

CUMIN SEED.—Several lots of Malta seed were offered today. Some of the holders stand ont for 26s. per cwt., but others made sales at 22s. to 23s. for grey to brown goodflavoured.

Cuscus Root.—Three bales good ordinary sold, without reserve, at 19s.

CUTTLE FISH.—In good demand to-day, and several sales were effected. 24 cases from Bombay, very broken but dull, sold at  $5\frac{3}{4}d$ .; bolder but rather brown, 5d. to  $5\frac{1}{4}d$ .; 8 casks Mogadore, bold, dry pale, at  $4\frac{3}{4}d$ . to 5d. per lb. For a lot of 20 barrels from the Cape, medium size, damp, 4d. is named as the price.

DRAGON'S BLOOD.—6 cases common bricky lump of very poor eolour were sold partly at 40s., which was very cheap, but rising up to 52s. 6d. Another lot of 10 cases finger in reed, ordinary to fine fiery colour, were bought in at 5l. 10s. to 7l. 10s. per cwt.

DYEWOOD EXTRACTS.—From New York a strong Continental demand for logwood extract is reported, and it is said that the American makers are declaring their inability to go on filling orders at the current prices of 41s. to 43s. per cwt., according to quality.

ELATERIUM.—2s. 6s. per oz. is still quoted as the price.

ERGOT OF RYE.—It is said that there has been more inquiry lately, especially for America, but we can certainly

not report any improvement in prices. Between the quotations for Russian and Spanish seed there is now but a very slight margin left. For fair *Spanish* 1s. 3d. per 1b. was refused to-day, but a rather pale lot sold at 1s. 2d. per 1b. *Russian* is quoted at 1s. 3d. per 1b., but that price could perhaps be shaded. In Hamburg some parcels of Russian ergot have arrived, and found prompt buyers at steady rates for satisfactory quality.

FENNEL SEED.—Nineteen bags of 150 lbs. each sold at 13s. 6d. per cwt. to-day.

FENUGREEK SEED.—Prices seem to be somewhat lower; fair to fairly clean *Mogadore* is offering at from 6s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. per cwt.

GALANGAL.—Fifteen bags of this article, which has long been very much neglected, were sold to-day at 11s. 6d.

Galls.—In China, according to the mail advices, dated January 14, the market remains firm, but a large business had taken place in consequence of the reduction in freight rates. The statements that the new crop is of very poor quality are confirmed. Cablegrams received this week from Shanghai quote usual shape 63s. c.i.f., and plums 62s 6d. c.i.f. terms. On the spot here 75s. was paid yesterday. In Turkey galls there has been rather more inquiry for blues, at 59s. to 60s. per cwt. At to day's auctions several parcels were shown, but no sales were effected worth recording.

GAMBIER.—Block remains steady, with small sales at 27s. 3d. to 27s. 6d. on the spot, owing to the recent reduction. Liverpool reported steady.

GAMBOGE.—Good picked pipe would now be obtainable at 13l. per cwt. A few cases not selected sold cheaply, fair dry broken pipe at 11l. 5s., dull broken ditto at 10l., and one case of dark pale pieces, somewhat damp, at 9l. 7s. 6d.

GENTIAN ROOT.—Good bright quality is now held at 17s.

GLYCERINE.—The German distillers have had a meeting, and agreed not to sell double distilled, s.g. 1260, below 67l. 10s. per ton, at which price, even, they say that they have scarcely a margin left; some of them, in fact, quote slightly more. But second-hand holders are still offering slightly below these quotations. Crude glycerines are undonbtedly proportionately very dear, and the market is rising. Some distilled glycerine is now being shipped to Europe from Australia, and seems to find a ready sale here.

GUARANA.—A bid of 6s. per lb. would still be accepted.

Guinea Grains —Prices remain very high owing to the scarcity of the article; 6 bags of good bright clean grains were offered to-day and 42s. was suggested, but no bids were made.

GUM AMMONIACUM.—There have been some arrivals lately, which were put upon the market to-day, and, with eager competition almost all were sold at even much dearer rates than were paid for the last few lots. The article still continues to be scarce and sought after. Good loose yellow clean drop brought 57s. per cwt.; fair seedy siftings and pickings, 17s.; good small pale siftings, 27s.; and small and dark mixed grain, 16s. per cwt.

GUM ARABIC.—The parcels sold to-day include two barrels pale picked, partly dusty, *Turkey* at 11l. 15s.; small pale grain only one cask very fine white picked for druggists, at 12l. 2s. 6d.; ordinary siftings, without reserve, at 32s. The price for fair Mogadore sorts, brown and drossy mixed, was named at 7l., and of fine white selected at 10l. 10s. Good glassy amber Aden drop bought in at 77s. 6d. per cwt.

Gum Benzoin.—Samatra in good demand, and of 70 cases offered 52 were sold partly without reserve, and in that case at some decline, but the other lots, with good competition, brought full prices. Fine bold white almondy, red borders, very fine vanilla flavour, bought in at 101.; fine seconds, good flavour almondy, also red borders, sold at full prices, for 91. 7s. 6d. falling to 91.; medium to bold almondy good seconds, 81. 10s. to 81. 12s. 6d.; and a well-packed lot of ditto at 81. 5s. to 81. 7s. 6d.; fair almondy seconds, partly false-packed corners, from 71. 5s. to 71. 12s. 6d. Siam gum was not offered. Of Palembang gum, common red resin was bought in at 40s. nominally; for another lot of fair quality

containing some gum 24s. was refused; ordinary third Penang sold cheaply, without reserve, at 45s. to 46s.

Gum Elemi remains excessively scarce and dear. For 5 cases good but rather dirty yellow very hard gum an offer of 46s. was refused, and 7 cases black West Indian block were sold at 6s. per cwt.

GUM Kino.—The market remains very dull for this article; five cases of good quality were bought in at 35s. per cwt. nominally.

GUM MASTIC.—Two cases ordinary yellow Persian were again offered, and 3d. would now be gladly accepted.

GUM MYRRH.—The demand has somewhat improved, and several lots were sold to-day. For fair pale Aden picked 6l. is asked; slightly blocky but fair pale sold at 5l.; and dusty sorts, without reserve, at 76s.

Honey.—The demand for *Chilian* is exceedingly active, and fine hard white is selling at 45s. per cwt.; fair ditto at 42s.; and yellow at 35s per cwt. From America an excellent demand for *Californian* honey is reported, especially as regards the better grades. The available stock of fine white candied honey in New York has fallen very low, and 47s. 6d. per cwt. "ci.f." terms was the last quotation. Amber grades offer at 39s. 6d. to 41s. 6d., and pale amber at 45s. to 43s. 6d. per cwt. "ci.f."

INSECT FLOWERS.—The market is steady, but there is no alteratiou in prices. We have received a sample of insect powder made from flowers grown in Australia (Victoria) by a chemist who has been turning his attention to the cultivation of medicinal plants. He obtained the seed from Dalmatia, and has now several acres under cultivation, the flower-heads being gathered by a stripping machine invented by himself. The grower had great difficulty in obtaining suitable seed, but he appears at last to have got hold of the right variety, for the sample sent to us is of excellent quality. The pyrethrum harvest in Australia takes place between November and January, the cost of labour being greatly reduced by the use of the stripping-machine. Whether the powder or flowers could ever compete in Europe with the Dalmatian acticle is doubtful, but there is a large field for the new industry to cover in Australia.

IODINE.—There is no change whatever in the position of this article or its derivates, but we understand that, so far as the nitrate is concerned, the negotiators for a renewal of the conventions are meeting with unusual and unexpected difficulties.

IPECACUANHA.—The long-expected arrivals have taken place this week, three consignments, aggregating about 10 tons in weight, having been entered from South America direct, and viâ Antwerp. At to-day's auctions 70 packages South American root were offered, of which 58 sold with very brisk competition. The first two or three packages went cheaply, buyers being evidently somewhat frightened by the heavy arrivals, but they mustered courage almost immediately, and holders would have had no difficulty in disposing of the whole parcel. The highest prices of the last anctions were fully maintained, and, though we cannot call the article quotably dearer, the market is certainly disposed to greater firmness. The following prices were paid:—Sound root, thin and wiry to fair, 7s. 3d. to 7s. 6d.; good stout fleshy and bright, 7s. 8d. to 7s. 9d.; first-class damaged, 7s. 5d. to 7s. 7d.; second class, 7s. 4d. to 7s. 7d. (a fine lot, 7s 8d.) per lb. Five cases of the spurious East Indian root, which at one time was sold as ipecacuauha, but proved to be completely worthless, were again offered. They found no buyers.

JABORANDI LEAVES.—The advance in America, of which we made mention recently, has since progressed further. The demand remains strong, and there is very little to be had. Good Ceará leaves come to 11d. per lb. "c.i.f." terms.

Jalap.—Early in the month the first shipment of 24 bales of new-crop jalap arrived in New York, and caused some temporary easing off in the market, but since then the tendency has become much firmer again. Fifteen packages were offered to-day, partly of 1887 import, good heavy resinous root, for which 9d was refused, though 10d would probably have bought; 5 bales, of which no sample was shown, sold at 9d. per lb.

KAMALA has been rather scarce lately; 4 packages offered to-day sold at an advance of fully 2d. per lb., viz, 10d. to  $10\frac{1}{4}d$ .

Kousso.—Good quality in bundles is not obtainable, nor do we know of any on the Continental markets; one bale of dusty and all broken herb sold to-day at 4d. per lb.

MATICO.—There have been some arrivals this week, which may probably be put up at the next auctions. To-day only 15 bales of very common quality were shown, and bought in, dusty and stalky at 2d., black damaged, mixed with pale stalks, found no buyers at 1d. per lb.

MERCURIALS.—Prices are still nominally unchanged, but in view of the weak position of quicksilver a reduction does not seem unlikely.

MORPHIA.—Steady, but without change.

Musk —The market is excessively quiet, and no sales were made at to-day's auctions which show any change in value. First pile *Tonquin* pods, small to bold blue skin, fair shape, well trimmed, were bought in at 90s. per oz., but there were no bids at 87s; old-fashioned pods, dry well-trimmed and fair yellow, bought in without mention of price; third pile pods, small to medium thin blue skin, rather ragged, sold very cheaply at 55s. per oz. Of *Thibet* musk one tin white hairy and skinny pods bought in at 40s. nominally. *Nepaul* grain musk sold at 35s. *Musk skins* limited at 7s. 9d. per oz.; trimmings brought 1s. 3d.

OIL (CASTOR).—The London quotation for good Calcutta seconds is nominally 4d., and that of first  $4\frac{1}{4}d$ . per lb.; but at to-day's auctions 60 cases  $\frac{PB}{I}$  fine pale Calcutta oil (in badly-rusted tins) were sold without reserve at a considerable reduction, viz.  $3\frac{1}{2}d$ ., rising to  $3\frac{7}{8}d$ . per lb. Nine cases fine pale Italian were bought in at  $5\frac{1}{4}d$ . per lb. nominally. The Liverpool market is slightly easier, Calcutta seconds having sold there at a reduction of  $\frac{1}{8}d$ ., viz.  $3\frac{1}{9}d$ . per lb., and first pressure French at the same figure.

OIL MIRBANE.—Advancing in sympathy with the increasing prices for benzol, and  $8\frac{1}{2}d$ . is now quoted.

OILS (ESSENTIAL).—Among the Italian oils Bergamot remains very firm with an inclination towards a further advance. The price ranges from 9s. 10d. to 10s. 9d. per lb. f.o.b., according to quality. Lemon is also firm, but the range of prices for this oil is so wide that it would be misleading to give the quotations. Turkish Geranium oil is also exceedingly scarce, and hardening at 6s. 6d. to 6s. 9d. per lb. for good quality. For a parcel of 35 10·lb. tins of Eucalyptus oil an offer of 1s. 9d. per lb. was made to-day. The shipments of Citronella oil from Ceylon are larger than ever, but prices are very low indeed at present; for distant arrival they are 44s. per case "c.i.f." terms, and on the spot 125 cases (of 36 bottles) oil of good appearance, one lot sold at \(\frac{3}{4}d\). per lb., but not less than that would be accepted. Cassia oil dull of sale; 3s. 7d. per lb. would be taken for good quality "unworked." Seven tins Menthol, good pale fairly dry crystals sold very cheaply to-day at 7s. per lb. Lemongrass quoted at \(\frac{1}{3}d\). to \(\frac{1}{8}d\). per oz. The American market for Peppermint oil is quiet, and the quotation comes to 10s. 3d. to 10s. 6d. c.i.f. for H.G.H., and 10s. 6d. c.i.f. for March shipment. Japan peppermint was bought in at to-day's sale at 5s. per lb. Sassafras oil lower, owing to more pressing offers from the States, at 1s. 8\(\frac{3}{4}d\). to 1s. 10d. per lb. "c.i.f." for the new crop. Spearmint oil also lower at 7s. c.i.f. for ordinary brands, and 9s. c.i.f. for H.G.H.

OILS (VARIOUS).—Cocoanut oil remains, very quiet and exeites little attention. Ceylon is selling in retail quantities at 23s. 6d. for pipes; Cochin, 26s.; Mauritius hogsheads, 24s. to 24s. 6d. Cotton-seed oil has advanced to 20s. for crude, and 22s. 3d. to 22s. 6d. for refined; Hull also dearer; raw, 18s. 3d. to 18s.  $4\frac{1}{2}d$ . Lard oil steady at 38s. for English; 36s. 6d. for American. Linseed oil in very good demand with an advanced market from 22s. 3d. to 22s. 6d.; the Hull market is also better, spot, 21s. 9d.; and from Liverpool there are also reports of a very good demand. Petroleum quiet and somewhat neglected, the nominal quotation being  $5\frac{13}{16}d$ . to  $5\frac{2}{3}d$ . for American, and  $5\frac{1}{2}d$ . to  $5\frac{2}{16}d$ . for Russian. Rape oil dearer in consequence of the deficiency discovered in the stocks in France. On the spot

brown is quiet at 33s.; for English refined, 34s. to 35s. 6d. is asked; and Stettin refined is very scarce at full prices. Palm oil firm, but without change; there is only a little offering on the spot. Sperm oil: Crude firmly held, and only a little obtainable at 46s. Turpentine easier and depressed; American spirits, 31s. 9d. on the spot.

OIL (OLIVE).—There have been large arrivals of Mogadore oil, and in consequence the price has given way slightly, and to arrive 371. 10s. would buy. Spanish oil is also rather lower. Fine Eating oils, however, remain firm, but unchanged. In Italy and the Levant the markets are very firm, although the Gioja crop promises very well, and is progressing favourably.

OPIUM.—The London market has become very weak, and there is an almost complete absence of business, fine druggists' nominally, 14s.; second ditto, 12s. per lb. Persian also nominal at 13s. 9d. Telegrams from Smyrna describe the market there as firm at the last prices, but the heavy rains which have occurred in the growing districts, though they are now said to have stopped, have evidently had their effect upon the market.

ORANGE PEEL.—Neglected at 7d. to 8d. for fair brown gelatine, fine bright thin mouldy sold to-day at 11d. to 1s. per lb.

ORRIS ROOT.—Prices for the best Florentine are still very high. At auction to-day 4 bags ordinary very dark sold without reserve comparatively cheaply at 30s.

POTASH SALTS.—Best Montreal Potashes firm at 22s. Pearlashes without inquiry; 30s. 9d. per cwt. nearest price. Bichromate firm at 4d. per lb. Chlorate: A good business is reported at a quotation of  $4\frac{3}{4}d$ . per lb., and that is now the very lowest price. Prussiate: Prices are more or less nominal, and we do not hear of much business; quotations run from  $9\frac{1}{2}d$ . to  $10\frac{1}{2}d$ ., according to brand.

Puree.—A small lot was sold to-day at the high price of 6s. 6d. per lb.

QUICKSILVER.—The importers' price is now practically nominal at 9l. 15s.; second-hand holders have been decidedly casier, and are reported to have sold at 8l. 19s. 6d. to-day, and at 9l. ye-terday. There has been a large arrival this week, viz., 5,002 bottles from Spain, in addition to which we have received 150 bottles from Italy.

QUILLAYA.—The price for the bark has advanced to 18s. London terms. The article is now being put on the market in a new form, namely, rasped, and also as a liquid extract made in South America.

QUININE.—At the end of last week the market became a good deal quieter, with more pressure to sell, and transactions were reported to the extent of about 10,000 oz.; German and second-hand B & S and Brunsniek at 1s.  $2\frac{1}{2}d$ . spot, and 1s.  $2\frac{1}{3}d$ . for March. Since then we have not heard of any business. There are buyers at 1s.  $2\frac{1}{2}d$ ., but no sellers so far as we can find out. The bark sold at last fuesday's auctions in London to the manufacturers is estimated to represent an equivalent of 166,000 oz. sulphate of quinine, or about  $2\frac{3}{4}$  per cent. on the average. At the drug sales 1,000 oz. Ita lian in bulk sold at 1s.  $2\frac{1}{4}d$ . per oz.

Rhubarb.—About 100 cases were offered at to-day's auctions, nearly half of which was sold at very steady prices: Shensi round fair pinky grey fracture, good yellow coat medium to bold 2v. 2d., smaller ditto, 1s. 9d. to 1s. 10d., flat fine bright, fair brown fracture, bold root, fair yellow coat 1s. 9d. per lb., the smaller size 1s. 6d. per lb., small to medium good eoat and fracture 1s. 6d. to 1s. 8d., druggists' root small round good pinky fracture 2s. 2d. refused and bought in at 3s. per lb., very good round pickings sold at 1s., flat ditto at 11d. per lb., very wormy round small to medium fair fracture 10½d. Canton, medium to bold root, very loose texture, round and wormy now at 8½d.; High dried small to medium flat, slightly wormy 10d. per lb. refused, 11d. being the price.

SANDAL WOOD firm and rising. The price named for East Indian logs to day was 65l. per ton.

SARSAPARILLA.—A fair quantity of very rough Grey Jamaica root sold at 1s. 4d. for sound, and 1s. 3d. per lb. for damages. From New York a stronger demand for

Mexican root, followed by active speculative buying, is reported, and the stock now left on the market is moderate, 3\frac{1}{4}d. to 4d. per lb. "c.i.f." being quoted for Vera Cruz. Honduras root remains quiet.

SCAMMONY ROOT remains exceedingly scarce, and small sales have lately been made at 50s. per cwt.

Senna.—The 576 bales of *Tinnevelly* leaves offered to day were nearly all of very inferior quality, but with the exception of about 30 packages, the whole was sold at very full, though not quotably dearer rates, common dark and specky yellowish small to medium leaves, 1d. to  $1\frac{\pi}{4}d$ .; half rotten,  $\frac{\pi}{4}d$ . per lb.; ordinary yellow to green, 2d. to  $2\frac{\pi}{4}d$ .; a few fair to good green leaves,  $3\frac{\pi}{4}d$ . to  $5\frac{\pi}{4}d$ . per lb.

SHELLAC.—Generally dull and lower. Only a very small business was reported before the auctions, which included:—

The sales passed off with very little animation, holders' ideas being in some cases above the market prices, while others gave way and accepted a reduction of from 1s. to 2s. on Orange, and from 2s. to 3s. on Button law. The sales include, of Orange law, good bright, rather crinkley, worked, 85s.; ordinary livery, 75s.; unworked good strong to pale, slightly cakey, 92s.; ordinary dark red, 69s. to 70s. Button law, fair dark mixed seconds, 86s. to 87s.; ordinary to good thirds, 76s. to 86s.; and dark black fourths, 66s. Since the auctions the market has been stagnant, both on the spot and for future. The market closes firmer to-day, with sales of TN Orange for June delivery at 74s. per cwt. The following were the prices at the call:—

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STICKLAC.—Siam lac is reported dearer, with sales of good, free from wood, at 42s. 6d. per cwt.

SODA SALTS.—*Bicarbonatc* in demand, and very firmly held at 6l. 5s., ex warehouse. Ash very scarce on the spot, while not much is offering for forward delivery. The Tyne quotation remains at  $1\frac{1}{4}d$ ., less 5 per cent.; London,  $1\frac{1}{2}d$ ., perhaps  $1\frac{7}{16}d$ . The manufacturers of *Caustic soda* remain very firm in their demands, and are confident that they shall be able to obtain higher prices presently, but a rather large quantity has passed into the second-hand, and this somewhat depresses the market; white, 60 to 70 per cent., spot, 9l. to 9l. 2s. 6d.; cream, 8l. 5s. Crystals rather easier; London, 56s. 6d. ex ship, or 60s. landed; Tyne, 48s. to 49s. Nitrate somewhat firmer, 8l. 7s. 6d. to 8l. 17s. 6d., according to test.

SNAKE ROOT.—Two bales sold to-day at 1s. 3d. per lb.

Spices.—Chillies: The bulk of parcels at auction were bought in at nominal prices, except a few dark-coloured of old import, for which only 25s. 6d. was obtainable. Cassia lignea dull at 22s. 6d. nominally; 468 packages broken Cassia were all bought in. Cablegrams from Hong Kong quote cassia at 23s. "c.i.f.," and broken ditto 15s. "c.i.f.," with a large business. Cinnamon: The next quarterly auctions will take place on February 24. Of Cinnamon chips, 400 bags ordinary, recently imported, brought  $2\frac{3}{5}d$ . per lb., which is a firm price. Cloves depressed, and lower for forward delivery. Several sales are reported January to April delivery at slightly below the prices given in our last report. Ou the spot about 230 bales sold at auction at a decline of  $\frac{1}{5}d$ .; dark to good,  $4\frac{3}{8}d$ . to  $4\frac{3}{4}d$ .; ordinary to medium Amboyna also cheaper, at  $5\frac{3}{4}d$ . to  $4\frac{3}{4}d$ . Two packages of exceptionally fine pale Penang cloves sold at the fancy price of 2s. 5d. to 2s. 6d. per lb. Ginger: Cochin, new crop slow of sale, and somewhat lower; small to bold bright, partly cut, 23s. to 39s. Jamaica also cheaper; common Rhatoon, medium washed to good old, 82s. to 96s. per cwt. Mace steady; fair to fine bold pale Penang, 2s. 4d. to 3s. 2d. per lb.; ordinary to good West Indian, 2s. 3d. to 2s. 9d. Nutmegs: 72 packages West Indian, of uew import, mostly well shaped and bright coloured, sold at steady prices.

SQUILLS.—Of 27 bags a few lots, fair dry quality, sold at  $1\frac{1}{4}d$ . per lb.

St. Ignatius Beans are reported very scarce. Three bags (about 5 cwt.) were bought in at 8d. per lb., but we believe that 7d. per lb. would mean business.

STROPHANTHUS.—Two bags small green seed from the Cape are offering at 10s. per lb.

TEA .- China market: The Congou department shows a firmer tone this week for teas a grade above common, and, partly as a result of lighter sales, there has been some reaction from the abnormally low prices at which really good teas were being sacrificed. The quotation of leaf tea for price is still 4d., but teas that last week were fetching  $4\frac{1}{3}d$  to 5d are this week fetching  $4\frac{3}{4}d$  to  $5\frac{1}{4}d$  or  $5\frac{1}{3}d$ , and are being taken by the wholesale dealers eagerly cnough. Everything under 8d. (and this is almost the whole of the Congou offering) shows firmness; but finer grades are neglected, and Panyongs at 9d. to  $9\frac{1}{2}d$ . are very cheap still. A really choice Kintuck, for which 1s.  $3\frac{1}{2}d$ . had been refused, was knocked down on Tuesday at  $9\frac{1}{2}d$ . Newmakes steady; Southongs unaltered. Scented Capers are being sold at very low prices, several really fine teas in liquor going from 7d. to 9d. on Tuesday, but there is nothing left that can be called really choicest. Assams unaltered for lower grades, common ordinary broken tea fetching  $6\frac{9}{4}d$ ., and fair common leaf 7d. to  $7\frac{1}{4}d$ . Pekoes, 8d. to  $8\frac{1}{2}d$ ., show rather easier rates, but all really good liquoring teas are now being eagerly sought after. Broken Pekoes remain cheap, and are selling somewhat irregularly. Lower grades of Ceylon are  $\frac{1}{2}d$ . to  $\frac{3}{4}d$ . easier for the week, a common leaf tea selling as low as 8d., and good useful tea 9d. to  $9\frac{1}{4}d$ .; while really choice quality teas may be picked up from 10d. to 11d.

Tonquin Beans.—Two cases fair Pará were bought in to-day at 4s. 6d. per lb., an offer of 2s. 6d. being rejected. In New York Angostura beans are still attracting a great deal of attention, and remain an article of active speculation there. The available supplies of this variety are now all in second hands, and most of the holders are not willing to part below 7s. to 7s. 6d. per lb. A few days ago, however, there were still some lots in the market at 6s. to 6s. 6d. per lb., according to quality. Pará beans are practically out of stock, though a few odd packages might still be found at about 5s. per lb. c.i.f. terms.

TURMERIC continues in good demand at rather dearer prices, with sales of good bright Madras finger at 12s. 6d. per cwt.

Vanilla.—About 200 tins were offered to-day and sold at very full prices, with an oecasional advance. Fair slightly crystallised,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  to 7 inch, 13s. 6d. to 15s. 6d.; fair, 7 to 8 inch, 16s. to 16s. 6d.; good,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  to  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inch, 18s. to 21s.; 8 to 9 inch, 22s. 6d.; rather brown,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to 8 inch, 13s. to 13s. 6d.; ordinary brown,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  to 8 inch, 7s. 6d. to 12s.; common foxy, 4s. 3d. to 6s. 6d. per 1b.

WAX (BEE's).—Prices are much dearer all round, Jamaica selling at 6l. to 6l. 2s. 6d. for good clean yellow; Mogadore, fair orange at 5l. 5s. to 5l. 7s. 6d., ordinary dark to fair grey mixed Australian 5l. 5s. to 5l. 12s. 6d., and for 100 packages. Madagascar, good bright yellow, 93s. to 96s., chocolate to brown, 91s. to 87s. per cwt.

## THE AMSTERDAM CINCHONA AUCTIONS. (Telegram from our Correspondent.)

AMSTERDAM, February 20.  $\mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}}$  to-day's auctions 2,062 packages bark, or uearly the whole of the supply offered, were sold. At the opening the unit was 10c. per  $\frac{1}{2}$  kilo. (=1 $\frac{4}{5}d$ . per lb.), but, with good competition, gradually rose to 11c. (=2d. per lb.), at which the bulk of the bark was disposed of. The prices paid range from 6c. to 93c. (=1d. to 1s.  $4\frac{1}{2}d$ . per lb.) for manufacturers' bark in quills, broken quills, and chips; 27c. to 66c. (=5d. to 1s. per lb.) for root; 13c. to 94c. (=2 $\frac{1}{4}d$ . to 1s.  $4\frac{3}{4}d$ .) for druggists' bark in quills, broken quills, and chips; and 13c. to 22c. (=2 $\frac{1}{4}d$ . to 4d.) for ditto root. The principal buyers in order of precedence were the Auerbach factory, the Brunswick factory, and the Amsterdam quinine works.



### Memoranda for Correspondents.

Always send your proper name and address: we do not publish them unless you wish: if you do not, please use a distinctive nom-de-plume.

Write on one side of the paper only; and devote a separate piece of paper to each query if you ask more than one, or if you are writing abou tother matters at the same time.

If you send us newspapers, please mark what ou wish us to read. Ask us anything of pharmaceutical interest: we shall do our best to reply. Before writing for formulæ consult the last volume, if you have it. Letters, queries, &c. will be attended to in the order received.

### The Pharmaey Aets Amendment Bill.

SIR,-I have always felt that the proper place for a member of any council to express his views is at the meetings of that council, and I have hitherto strictly observed that rule, although at times sorely tempted to write to the trade journals. The occasion now warrants this exception, and with your permission I would call the serious attention of the "trade," both in London and the provinces, to the provisions of the proposed Pharmacy Bill. Clause 6 is a direct encouragement to large pharmacies and co-operative concerns. They have at all times in their employ assistants qualified by examination, whereas chemists in a smaller way have to rely on well-trained apprentices and young men who may have completed their apprenticeship, and are qualified by experience, though not by examination.

If this Bill is passed, I venture to say that the law will be transgressed by hundreds, if not by thousands, of honest and

conscientious chemists throughout the country

The question is frequently asked, "What has the Pharmaceutical Society done for us?" and the usual reply is, "Nothing." This is wrong. It now proposes to bring in a Bill which will make the majority of the chemists in the country law-breakers. It proposes to extend the limit of chemists and druggists who may take their seats on the Pharmaceutical Council from seven to ten. How absurd! Why not throw the Council open to the best men, whether members or associates, and whether in business on their own account or not? What is there to fear? Have not associates the interests of the trade quite as much at heart as members? This Bill does not even secure for chemists and druggists exemption from the jury list. Any measure to be of any use, to command the sympathies and support of the "trade," must be a comprehensive one. It must, in addition to imposing restrictions, some of which are at times very irksome, also seek to secure concessions in the shape of safeguarding the interests of those on whom these restrictions are placed.

We are told that it is useless introducing any clauses into the Bill which would cause opposition. My idea is that a Bill that can be passed unopposed through Parliament would he of such a colourless character as not to justify the Council in wasting time and money on it. I consider it to be my plain duty to oppose to the best of my ability the passing of the Bill in its present form, and shall be glad to hear from those who think with me in this matter. I helieve meetings of chemists should be held in every city and every town throughout the kingdom. Deputations should be appointed to explain their views to the local members of Parliament, and a few men should be selected to organise a determined opposition to this Bill in Parliament

itself.

I regret exceedingly that I have to place myself in opposition to the President (with whose ability and determination I am greatly impressed) and the great majority of the Council. I helieve they are as honourable and conscientious in their views and in the course they take as I claim to be myself. Notwithstanding this, I have frequently differed in opinion with the majority in the Council. I have always held that, since the Pharmaceutical Society is a democratic body, we should frequently change our president. When questions of spending large sums of

money on extensions of the buildings at Bloomsbury Square, and the establishment of a "Research Lahoratory," &c., have been discussed, I have invariably found myself in the minority. I have from time to time objected to the almost paternal watchfulness exercised over the different members of the Council. There always seems to be a fear that someone or other will blunder and say something which at some future period he will regret having said; the result is that "We are in committee, gentlemen," nolens volens, before we know it. I always feel that each member of the Council is a being responsible for his actions and sayings, and if he chooses to act or say anything foolish or unworthy of that Council, the sooner he is shown up through the press the better for the Council, the trade, and himself.

I write freely and without reserve, as it is not my inten-

tion to contest a seat at the next election:

Yours, &c,

Llanelly, February 19.

GWILYM EVANS.

Mr. Thomas Reade (Wolverhampton) sends us a copy of a letter which he has addressed to the President of the Pharmaceutical Society, pointing out what he regards as the important omission in the Pharmacy Bill of a provision for exempting all chemists and druggists from serving on juries. He urges that this exemption should be asked for "on the broad ground that the safety of the public demands it in the case of the whole body of registered chemists, equally as in that of pharmaceutical chemists." Much of the dispensing, and by far the larger part of the sale of drugs in the country, is conducted by men having the Minor qualification only, and the privilege, he argues, should not be, as it is now, a reward for passing the Major.

 ${\it Glasgov}$  (245/30) protests against the provision in Clause 6 making it unlawful for any person not holding a qualification to compound medical prescriptions. If the Bill pass in this form, the consequences will be disastrous to all but the larger establishments. A great mistake, he holds, was made in not accepting Mr. Schacht's amendment to add the words "or is acting under the direct employment of a pharmaceutical chemist or chemist and druggist." "Glasgow" asks that at least the Bill shall apply to England only. On this matter the Council, he says, does not represent Scotland; he claims to have pretty good means of knowing that not 10 per cent. of the chemists in Scotland are with them. He further remarks that chemists in the West of Scotland want no further legislation unless shops belonging to medical men are put on an equal footing with those of the chemist. In Glasgow three-fourths of the "open shops" belong to medical men, and he asks where is the justice of handicapping the one-fourth and allowing the three-fourths to go scot free? He would prefer to see pharmacy acts abolished altogether.

F. G. W., Darlington (246/60), would expunge from clause 5 the words, "being in business on his own account," so that every registered chemist who elects to pay the guinea subscription, whether in business or not, should be eligible, as many chemists may occupy other positions than actually being engaged in retail business, and yet wish to be members of the Society. "According to the Bill, as it now stands," he asks, "would a chemist, once elected, cease to be a member on giving up business?" He believes the majority of chemists will approve of the rest of the Act, and he cannot imagine anyone disapproving of the curriculum clauses, as, practically, all students undergo a voluntary curriculum at present.

Q. E. D. (247/65) thinks it would be sufficient to give chemists the sole right "to compound prescriptions containing poison." He is correct in assuming, however, they have this right essentially under the law as it stands.

### Reform of the Pharmaceutical Society.

SIR,-In reply to Mr. H. H. Millhouse and his personal sneers and insinuations, let me refer him to an illustration used by Mr. Cross at the last meeting of the Pharmaceutical

Council concerning an instrument of warfare common among savage tribes—viz, the boomerang—which, when used ignorantly or unskilfully, comes back and hits the man who wields it. So let it be with all unfair and un English methods of attack, which are far more likely to hinder than to assist in the promotion of urgent and needful reforms.

Mr. Millhouse errs in assuming that the dissatisfied party are not ocgaisant of the amount of time and labour that the President and his colleagues give to the work of the Society. We are quite prepared to admit that they work both hard and successfully in their own way "for the purpose of advancing chemistry and pharmacy, and promoting a uniform system of education of those who should practise the same," and also in providing a most necessary Benevolent Fund; but, on the other hand, we do hold them and the policy which they have pursued to a very large extent responsible for the almost complete neglect of one of the further objects of the establishment of the Society-namely, "the protection of those who carry on the business of chemists and druggists"; and we are bound to affirm that to their long and persistent disregard of these interests the present unsatisfactory and humiliating position of the trade is mainly due.

The policy of the Council has also been at fault in that they have not exerted themselves to reorganise and strengthen the Society by taking in all the qualified members of the craft, and by omitting to bring it into touch and sympathy with the times, thus giving it a bad name through the

country generally.

Will the electors consider well whether they will allow this same ruinous policy to be continued, or will they elect to represent them upon the Council candidates "jointly and severally pledged to restore the care of trade interests to its proper place in the Society's policy "?

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
St. Mary Street, Cardiff. Alfred Coleman, Ph.C.

SIR,-Will you allow me to follow up my letter of last week with a suggestion for improving the Council of the Pharmaceutical Society as a representative body?

Much of the discontent which exists regarding the action or inaction of the Council probably arises from the fact that what might be termed the "working classes of pharmacy have not been adequately represented in the Council chamber. Of late years the working-men have sent their own special labour representatives to our national Parliament, supporting them in that position by voluntary subscriptions. I am disposed to think it would be well to follow their example with reference to our own little parliament. It is extremely difficult to find men familiar with the needs of the class of chemists before mentioned, and yet able to spare time and money to attend the Council meetings regularly. It is true "the Society" pays travelling expenses, but that is not sufficient, and I for one would gladly subscribe a guinea a year (for three years) to a fund for trying the experiment. Where so much is at stake it should not be difficult to raise 100*l*. or 150*l*.; and probably this would meet the case at present.

Yours respectfully,

FRESHFIELD REYNOLDS.

### The Medicine Stamp.

We have received two letters in support of the one published a fortnight since over the signature of "John Jones of Jonesville," advocating the abolition of the medicine stamp, and pointing out that the present time was a suitable one for agitating the question. Our correspondents "J. N. B. H." and "Facta non Verba" give us little beyond repetitions of the arguments advanced by Mr. Jones. "J. N. B. H." complains of the tax because it harasses and vexes the chemists at every turn. [That is, we suppose, when he tries to evade it; it does not harass him if he submits to it.] He says:— "See how carefully he words his handbills and labels when venturing to present a new or cheap preparation to his customers, lest he be found infringing the patent-medicine laws! And why should this be? Ought the chemist to be less free to extol his inventions than any of his neighbours? The medicine stamp does good to no one, neither the ehemist nor his enstomers, and the strongest reason for its abolition, to my mind, is its unfairness. It is the sick, the enfeebled,

and the ignorant who pay and get nothing in return. If the principle is right, then I contend it does not go far enough, for the rich should contribute their fair proportion, as well

"If a stamp were required for each prescription, and a tax imposed on every visit of the doctor, it would be deemed monstrous; but where should we draw the line? So far as my experience goes, a very large proportion of those who consume these medicines are the poor operatives of our mills and workshops, who in their distress resort to them, hoping to obtain such relief as will enable them to continue at work and avoid the dread expense of a doctor's bill. If the stampwhich they invariably have to pay for in these cases—implied a Government guarantee of the undoubted efficacy and value of the medicine to which it is attached, something might be said in favour of its retention; but even this is denied them, and they get absolutely nothing in return. To tax the weak and distressed, and let the hale and hearty go free, is contrary to all right principles."

"Facta non Verba" also argues that it is the poorer classes who extensively purchase stamped medicines, and his point is that the extra eost occasioned by the stamp is a hardship to them. But later in his letter he says, "Let the public know the immense dangers attending the employment of quack medicines, fostered, protected, and recommended by the presence of a Government stamp npon each bottle, and they will "-what? Insist on the stamp being doubled or quadrupled? That would be logical, we should snppose, but it is not the proposal "Facta" puts forth. All he says the public would do would be to purchase medicines originating from well-known manufacturers, or prepared by the local

pharmacist.

SIR,—Whether the medicine stamp should be abolished in toto or not I leave to wiser heads than mine to decide, but I think it high time that the sheets of stamps should be perforated and gummed. Yours obediently H. B. S. (240/41.)

### Unguentum Resinæ Aeidum. (Manchester Royal Infirmary.)

In reply to a correspondent, Mr. Hugh M. Massingham, the senior dispenser of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, sends us the following formula for the above-named preparation:-

Burn Ointment.

Yellow resin .. .. 4 oz. Yellow wax .. .. Olive oil.. .. .. .. 20 " (in winter 10 oz.) .. 20 ,, ,, 30 ,, .. Venetian turpentine .. . 8 " Burgundy pitch .. Oxide of zine .. .. Solution of carbolic acid .. 10½ fl. oz.

Melt the resin, wax, Venetian turpentine, and pitch together with the olive oil by a gentle heat. To this add the oxide of zine and carbolic acid, previously unbbed together, and stir constantly until cold.

Solution of carbolic acid for the above:-

Carbolic acid, purc .. .. 8 oz. Glycerinc .. .. Water .. .. .. .. .. 4 fl. oz. .. 16 ,,

Mix.

### The Sheffield Drug Raid.

SIR,-Will you allow me, through your valuable jonrnal, to make a few remarks on the above subject, as it is well known locally to whom your correspondent refers. In the first place, I was not aware that we had a wholesale man in the town, except drysalters, &c. It is perfectly correct that I did send to the well-known wholesale man for the articles he mentions in his report; the only thing I had not in stock was aqua dest. to make the aq. chloroformi prescribed. The wholesale man being our local luminary in matters pharmaceutical, I thought there might be sufficient reciprocity in the trade that he might oblige me, as he has frequently done previously, owing to the small craft not being prepared for out of the way things. I do not think there was anything

very wily in the affair, as I told him what purpose they were required for, attached name, &c. I shall take no notice of any further correspondence, but will leave it to the trade to judge if it is fair criticism.

T. S.

### LEGAL QUERIES.

242/54. Capsicum.—You did not enclose the label you referred to.

248/58. Delta.—The assistants' certificate of the Apothecaries' Society does not carry exemption from jury service.

248/45. G. P.—Phosphorus paste which contains no scheduled poison may be sold by unregistered persons.

242/59. Assistant. — If you give notice to leave on January 15 your time of service expires on February 15 at noon.

243/13. R. L.—We do not know of any law which would prevent a registered chemist and druggist describing himself as "consulting chemist."

248/61. Nemo.—You may adopt what style you like to trade under, so long as you do not take undue advantage of any existing firm's title.

246/54. Climax.—Read our legal reports published June 11, 1887, and July 21, 1888, and draw your own conclusions; or show them to your solicitor, and then take his advice.

242/54. Capsicum.—Your label recommends the medicine as a remedy for nervous debility; its display, therefore, in your shop-window would be a technical infringement of the Indecent Advertisements Act.

240/61. Jenkins.—You could only prevent the design being copied for similar goods by getting it registered as a trade mark for your medicines. You should have sent us a stamped addressed envelope for the return of the cuttings.

242/26. W. T. C. asks:—Is the remark made by Mr. Finlay correct—"A registered chemist is exempt from serving on a jury"? Should it not be that some few of the chemists—namely, those who are pharmaceutical chemists—are exempt, for which advantage they are required to pass the Major? [Yes. On this point you are a better lawyer than the eminent Q C.]

248/42. Cognosco. —Deliberate and continual disobedience to your reasonable orders would justify you in cancelling an apprentice's indentures, but a court would have to decide whether your complaint was strong enough. You had better not take that step without using all available means first, and then after laying all the circumstances before a lawyer.

249/7. L. B. M.—The case now sub judice only applies to unqualified persons selling poisons; it would not affect unqualified persons who may be engaged by boards of guardians or other public bodies. There is no Poor Law Board. We are not aware that the Local Government Board have formed any definite rules as to the engagement of dispensers.

243/28. J. W. G.—We do not know whether anyone claims the exclusive right to the title "Dr. Bow's Liniment." If anyone has such a claim perhaps he will intimate it. But we should suppose, if there be such a person, he has sacrificed any rights he might have possessed by lack of due diligence

in maintaining them. We presume it would be easy to prove that scores of chemists make their own article under this title, and so label it.

245/9. W. F. G.—You asked if your card was legal, and whether it could "in the least be considered to infringe on the Dental Act." We gave you our opinion that the card was legal, but we cannot guarantee that everybody else will take the same view. We are reasonable and intelligent; but it is a melancholy fact that there are people in the world who are not. We cannot suggest any modification of your phraseology.

244/33. G. B.—Apprentices.—The mere absenting himself by an apprentice does not cancel the indenture. When, however, he disappears and takes the contents of the till with him, having previously habitually plundered his master, the master is apparently entitled to discharge him (see Cox v. Matthews, 2 F. & F. 397). In another case, where an apprentice's conduct had been generally unsatisfactory, and he filed a bill in Chancery to make his master take him back, the bill was dismissed, but without costs (see Brown v. Banks, 3 Giff. 190). With regard to the return of the premium, if the only provisions for return in the indenture are in case of death or illness before the halftime has expired, the court would in all probability hold that the master was entitled to retain the premium as damages for loss of services of the apprentice. If you are not afraid of law, therefore, you might, if the boy comes back, at once discharge him, or, perhaps better, at once write to his father and to him at his father's house to that effect, and if his father sues for the return of the premium defend the action. The case would be an interesting one.

247/51. Justitia.—The master is not entitled to make any deduction from the assistant's wages during such time as he is absent from illness. This was clearly decided in the case of Cuckson v. Stoves (28 L. J., Q. B. D., 25). In that case a man was engaged as a brewer at 2l. 10s. per week, and entered upon his duties, but after some time fell ill. On his recovery he returned to work, and his master continued to pay him the 2l. 10s. per week, but a dispute arose as to the wages during the time the servant had been away through illness. On action brought it was held that the wages continued to be payable during the time the servant was absent through illness. The fact that the assistant has accepted his salary, less the three days, does not make any difference, unless there was some new consideration to induce him to do so. It is a well-known principle of law that a man may take 10s. in the pound for his debt, and give a receipt in full discharge, and immediately after commence an action for the balance, and there is no defence to such action. If there is a new consideration, as, for instance, payment before the money was actually due, or release given by deed, or anything of that kind, then the balance is irrecoverable. Here there appears to be nothing but an acceptance, probably under pressure, of less than what was due, and there is nothing to disentitle the assistant from proceeding against the master for the amount improperly deducted.

### DISPENSING NOTES.

The opinions of practical readers are invited on subjects discussed under this heading.

239/43. X. Y. Z.—(1) Your first formula is for Begbic's mixture, and the first ingredient is dilute nitric acid. (2) Lin. tereb. co. The "co." is doubtless a lapsus pennæ. (3) Bismuth subnitrate and sodium bicarbonate react chemically, carbonic acid gas being liberated. See "The Art of Dispensing," page 154.

### Liq. Hyoscyami and Potass. Biearb.

SIR,—A mixture is very commonly prescribed here containing, inter alia, potass. bicarb. and liq. hyosey. "Bastick."

These two ingredients when mixed give a rose-coloured solution. Can any of your readers inform me what the action of the potass, bicarb, is upon liq. hyoseyami?

Southport. SARUM. (239/60.)

### The Illegible Prescription.

SIR,—The second ingredient in prescription, I think, is this: tinct. hl. radix—that is, tinct. hellehore radix. Probably an old prescription. Dispenser should have given date, and also what it was to be taken for, as otherwise there is nothing to go upon. G. S. (241/30.)

SIR,—The prescription can be read as—

Tinct, hellebor, rad.

Glycerini .. .. 3iv. Tinct. sumbul radix .. 3iij. Glycerini .. .. **š**iv.

.. 3iij. The first would, I think, be the right one of the two.

15 City Road.

or-

Yours truly, MARIUS GAZULLY.

SIR,—I hope some correspondent (American, perhaps) will favour us with an interpretation of "the second ingredient." My three guesses (prohably wide of the mark) are:—(1) Tincturæ illicii radix; (2) Tincturæ hellebori radix (forgiving the syntax); (3) Tincturæ illicii religiosi.

Welwyn, February 12.

Yours respectfully, EDMUND LAWRANCE.

### Liquor Hamamelis.

SIR,—In answer to your correspondent "X. Y. Z.," we frequently dispense liq. hamamelis, which we consider to be Hazeline." Yours truly, G. H. TAYLOR. 10 Worcester Street, Birmingham,

February 8.

### A Point about Suppositories.

SIR,—I had the following to dispense:—

Ferri pernit... .. grs. xij. Morph. mur... .. gr. j. Ol. theobrom. q.s. Misce et div. in suppos. vj.

Sig. : One every three hours.

On the day following the doctor called and complained that the suppositories did not dissolve. Is it the case that the addition of certain substances to oleum theobroma raises its melting-point?

I enclose part of the mass that was left over, also a small quantity of the ol. theoh. You will notice the difference in Yours truly,

the melting-point. February 4. PERPLEXED. (239/28.)

[This is a curious point, and one which we do not remember having heen noticed before. The melting-point of the oil of theobroma is 32° C., and of the suppository 42° C. It is possible that the ferric nitrate may play a similar part to what nitric acid would do, and this is just what it would be interesting to determine by experiment. We have not time to follow the matter up. Will someone do so?—ED. C. & D.]

### Cocaine Lotion.

SIR,—Replying to your correspondent "Heder's" question re action of heat in the cocaine lotion mentioned in your issue of January 25, 1890, "Heder" will find some little difficulty in dispensing as written, owing to the oily manner in which the cocaine acts, as it assumes a liquid form when the mixture is heated. Upon standing some time or until cold, a heavy white mass, or head, falls, which will, however, dissolve after some hours if well shaken. There is evident action hetween the cocaine and boric acid, with the result of an ultimately soluble pearl-like solid. It would in this case c. iridin. co.

he perfectly justifiable to substitute the hydrochlorate, the dilution preventing subsequent action, it being for an eyelotion, and there can be no difference in the action—at least, I presume not. Time would he a considerable factor.

February 11.

M.

Yours faithfully, FARO. (245/35.)

### An Iron Mixture.

SIR,—The following prescription was handed in to-day. What should have been done?-

> Tinct. ferri mur. m76 Tinct. uvæ ursi... Jes. Infus, buchu ad .. .. 3viij.

Yours truly,

Birmingham, Fehruary 7. INCOMPATIBLE. (241/23.)

### MISCELLANEOUS INQUIRIES.

A large number of correspondents ask us for formulæ and other information already published in this journal. It is not fair to more careful readers that we should frequently repeat such information, and so long as the back numbers containing the formulæ or replies required are in print we must decline to do so. Back numbers of our weekly issue can be obtained from the publisher at 4d. each.

Correspondents who have made inquiries regarding the following subjects will find the information in the numbers indicated.

246/27. R. Thomas.—Pharach's Serpents.—See June 22, 1889, page 865.

Starch Gloss.—Several correspondents have asked us when the notes on this matter appeared. In our issues of December 21, page 876, and January 4, page 28.

226/6. Per Ardua. - We shall give the matter our attention.

239/11. J. D. Vint.—The cotton-wool respirator is used for protecting from inhalation of dust.

239/20. Seedsman.—Blake & Mackenzie.

239/32. Inquirer writes:—"A controversy occurred a few days ago hetween two medical men as to the proper side to place upon the wound when using lint. One said the 'fluffy' side, the other the smooth. Kindly give me the decision." [We have never seen any other than the fluffy side used.]

239/54. Mephistopheles. — The article on counter-prescribing in our DIARY is the hest you can get on the subject.

239/65. Amylum has some Starch which, when moistened with water, becomes quite yellow, and wishes to know why. Starch has to he bleached, and sometimes "blued" (as nearly all laundry starches are), hefore they can he placed upon the market; hut we have not met with any which are pure yellow when damped, except those which are used for starehing window curtains.

239/67. R. H.—See our last issue of 1889 for an account of the Minor examination. You have to know all ahout the barometer, thermometer, hydrometer, and specific gravity generally.

239/70. Cloves.—We do not have a formula for liq. papain.

240/37. Alpha writes:—"I find the strong solution for making Easton's Syrup (Martindale) becomes quite solid after keeping a day or two. How can it be prevented?" Mr. Martindale says by reducing the quinine to \( \frac{3}{4} \) grain per fluid drachm.

241/59. Oxford.—F.S.Sc.—We are not sure what this stands for, but think it is used by the members of the Society of Science, Letters, and A1t, of London, the secretary of which is Dr. Sturman, 160 Holland Road, W.

241/62. H. Edwards.—We have not space to go into taxidermy to an extent which would please you.

The Wigan Prosecution.—(239/60.) Sarum asks if Mr. Phillips would give fuller particulars of his case, and report the results of the prosecution should such ensue.

241/31. Danum.—The powder you send us is gallic acid, and is used, in the proportion of 3 grains to every ounce of water, to bathe the plates for one minute previous to developing the same. The plate is drained, and then developed with a well-restrained, strong in pyro, developer, so as to obtain absolutely clear lines and opaque ground.

32/90. J. F. Richardson.—Burnt cork is the only thing used by negro comedians. It can be got mixed with a hard fat. In this form it is not affected by the perspiration. Wood charcoal is useless.

244/49. Sulph.—The best way to make solution of ammonium sulphydrate is to pass sulphuretted hydrogen into solution of ammonia until it absorbs no more, then dilute with half its volume of solution of ammonia, and allow to stand until clear.

243/29. Still and H. E. C. ask similar questions regarding the best Still for Making Distilled Water. The quantity required is a gallon or two per day. We assume that both correspondents have an abundant supply of water, and that the use of this for condensing purposes will not be a prohibitive item in the work; also that they will use gas as fuel the greater part of the year. The cost, to begin with, will be about 6d. per gallon for gas. The simplest apparatus will, in most cases, be found to suffice, as those with ingenious arrangements for rapid condensation are generally costly, and to the ordinary retail chemist it is not a matter of importance whether he obtains a gallon or two gallons of distillate per hour. The old-fashioned still and condensing worm is, therefore, suitable. These can be bought ready-made from any sundries house. Bracher's automatic still we can also recommend. An apparatus might be made by a local tinman, the still to consist of a 1-gallon shallow and broad tin kettle, the lid being replaced by a curved still head, which should gradually narrow to a diameter of about 1 inch. The spout of the kettle may be converted into a small funnel. The condensing worm may be fitted in a castor-oil tin, petroleum drum, or anything else which is of little value. A worm 5ths of an inch in diameter is a suitable size, and the length of it should be about 15 feet. It is connected to the still head by means of a suitable adaptor. The metal used throughout should be well-tinned sheet iron. Such an apparatus as this would cost 8s. or 10s. In using it the still should only be partially filled with water, and in order to distil continuously all the water put into it should have permanganate of potash and sulphuric acid added, in the proportion of 2 grains of the former and 15 drops of the latter to each gallon. This addition fixes the ammonia, and permits the use of the warm condensing water, which may be poured into the still at the rate of  $\frac{1}{2}$  a pint occasionally, so that distillation is not materially checked.

243/5. Bismuth.—See the note on "Bismuth Hair-dye" in our issue of November 23, 1888, page 721.

243/13. R. L.—It is not possible by any means, that we are aware of, to remove the oil and filth from the upper part only of a meerchaum pipe.

243/37. *Pompeii*.—The formula is what is given in the patent, and you should not really make the preparation. What it seems to require is more aniline black and less blue.

242/54. Sacoharine.—Solution of oxalic acid and solution of chlorinated lime are both used for removing ink-stains. Which of them is "Vanint" you can only determine by trying.

247/74. T. P.—Messrs. Burgoyne, Burbidges, Cyriax & Farries are agents for Schuhkrafft's crystallised Peruvian bark.

247/58. Laburnum.—We are obliged for your suggestion for a competition, which shall be considered.

248/16. J. A.—We thank you for your suggestion for a competition; but we do not much fancy the task you offer us. Any way, we may remark that we intend to retain ourselves as judges in our own competitions. Correspondents who are not content to trust our competence or fairness have a very easy remedy.

247/10. J. T. L.—Gresswell's "Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics" (5s.), or Gresswell's "Veterinary Pharmacopœia" (10s. 6d.), both published by H. K. Lewis, 136 Gower Street. Dalziel's "Diseases of Horses" (1s.), published at 170 Strand, might suit you.

240/55. B. S.—Gargot.—The disease is hereditary, and flock should have new blood introduced; also change of pasture to high ground. Give the ewes sodii chlor. colorat. sec. artem, 3j. omni die c. cibo. Paint the lambs' joints with potass. iodid. gr. x. in aqua 3j. omni die.

8/2. T. D. J.—We cannot make patent searches for subscribers. The best way of drying pills generally is by keeping them in trays in a steam-heated apartment at a temperature of 90° to 100° F. We could not give you any special suggestions without knowing the composition of the pills, and perhaps not then.

238/32. Antipyrin.—(1) See our issue of March 9, 1889, page 340, for remarks on children's cough and formulæ for mixtures. In other back numbers there are also formulæ.
(2) Phosphorus Paste.—"Antipyrin" asks our advice regarding the following formula:—

.. 1 oz. Phosphorus .. 1 lb. Roast-beef dripping .. .. 1 ,, Wheat flour .. .. 1 n 1 n Sugar .. . . • • ٠. Powdered biscuit .. .. Water .. .. q.s.

The plan generally given for making this is to dissolve the phosphorus in the dripping. Our correspondent has tried this, but has "not been able to make a satisfactory paste. The phosphorus will not mix with the fat when melted and stirred in an evaporating-dish. He once tried it this way, and it went into a tremendous blaze, and, being in the yard, it was allowed to burn off." The formula is a good one, but the direction to dissolve the phosphorus in the melted fat is obviously erroneous, since phosphorus is but sparingly soluble in fats. Still, what is wanted in this case is the fine division of the phosphorus, and this can be readily accomplished in the following manner:—Warm a large-porcelain mortar and pour 6 oz. of boiling water into it; in this place the phosphorus. Meanwhile melt the dripping over a water-bath, so that it may not be over-heated, and pour

it in the mortar whenever the phosphorus has become iquefied. Now stir assid uously, whereby the phosphorus will become fairly divided, the operation being assisted by the addition of some of the powdered biscuit; then add the rest of the solids, with a little methyl blue dissolved in spirit, and sufficient water to make the paste of the proper consistency.

240/60. Pix.—Your sample seems to be ordinary tar oil, and could be obtained from any tar distiller.

221/43. B. C.—We have given, recently, several of the formulæ which you ask for. Root-beer Extract.—Sassafras, 1 oz.; yellow dock, 1 oz.; wild-cherry bark, \( \frac{1}{2} \) oz.; pimento, 1 oz.; winter-green, 1 oz.; hops, \( \frac{1}{4} \) oz.; coriander, \( \frac{1}{2} \) oz. Bring these materials to the proper condition by bruising, and pour upon them 6 oz. of proof-spirit. After macerating for half a day pack in a percolator and add other 2 oz. of proof-spirit. When the liquid ceases to drop pour on a few ounces of water. Collect the first 6 oz. of percolate, and reserve. Then continue percolation with a pint of wuter. Evaporate this percolate to 4 oz., and add to the first one. Choeolate-eream Syrup.—Mix 4 oz. of Van Houten's cocoa and 2 drachms of bicarbonate of soda with a pint of boiling water, and add 6 pints of hot syrup. When cold, add vanilla flavour and foam essence.

240/51. Ticket-writer.—(1) Apply to any sundries house. (2) Hop-flavoured quinine bitters should not be difficult to make, taking a weak quinine mixture as the basis and flavouring with tineture of hops and aromatics. We do not have a working formula.

243/52. Scmaj.—You would find soda ash as cheap as any alkali for dissolving arsenic, if you are to make the solution in the same way as liquor arsenicalis. The proportions would be the same—equal parts of the alkali and arsenic. Or you may take 2 parts of arsenic, and 1 part of caustic soda (70 per cent.), and boil in 10 parts of water until a clear solution is formed. This would be the cheaper way.

244/20. Yorkshire.—Judging from the amount of alkali used in making Non-poisonous Sheep-dip, we should say that the insoluble matter which separates from it is neither cresylic nor carbolic acid, but unsaponifiable tar oil. Whether the deposit is an active parasiticide or not is uncertain. It is, at least, a good deodorant, and the dip would be better if the deposit were well stirred through the bulk.

246/74. F. J. A. says a friend of his cleans the Keys of a Cornet with paraffin; but it leaves a disagreeable odour behind it. How is that to be remedied? A little citronella oil added to the paraffin would be advantageous, but the best plan would be to wash the keys with methylated ether afterwards.

246/73. Abby.—Tobaeco-paper for Fumigating.—Dissolve 1 oz. of nitrc in 1 pint of tobacco-juice, and steep unsized paper in the mixture. Afterwards dry in a warm place.

248/1. Quininc.—Cleaning Artificial Teeth.—There is nothing special for this purpose. A hard brush is a requisite, and precipitated chalk, with a little soap, assists as well as anything else.

247/48. Ol. Limon.—Soluble Essence of Lemon.—Lemon differs very materially from ginger. The latter is employed for its pungency, which resides in certain resins. These can to some extent be rendered "soluble," but the same thing cannot be done with essential oils. It is for that reason that soluble lemon and soluble ginger are so widely different in character. It is undoubtedly easier to make the

lemon essence from the fresh peel than from the oil. The following is a suitable process:—Grate off the yellow portion of the peel, which alone contains the aromatic oil; 8 oz. of this will make 1 pint of essence. Use for menstrunm a mixture of rectified spirit 3 parts, and water 2 parts. Pour 12 oz. of this upon the grated peel, and macerate for fonr days, shaking several times a day; then press out the tincture, and again macerate for two days in 6 oz. of the menstruum. Press as before. The product should measure about 18 oz. To this add 30 grains of phosphate of soda, and 10 grains of dried chloride of calcium, each dissolved in 6 drachms of water. Agitate well, and set aside for a day; then filter, and make up to 1 pint with rectified spirit.

247/62. Calder.—Spt. Ætheris Nitrosi (Veterinary).—Some surgeons dilute hyponitrous ether with methylated spirit, but it would undoubtedly be illegal to sell such a mixture. Hyponitrous ether is very difficult to keep, must be obtained fresh, and the whole of it diluted when the bottle is first opened. A mixture of spirit and water is not a good diluting solution, as the nitrous ether rapidly undergoes decomposition in presence of water.

247/46. Erica.—Perfumes from Pomades.—The pomade may be macerated in the spirit at the ordinary temperature. It is unnecessary to heat, but it is desirable to keep in as cold a place as possible for a few hours before and during filtration.

247/54. Craven.—Sheep-dip (Tarry).—This can be made from heavy tar oil in the following manner:—To 1 gallon of the oil add 3 lbs. of caustic soda (60°), dissolved in  $\frac{1}{2}$  gallon of water. Agitate for some time; then gradually heat the mixture, constantly stirring, and add 2 lbs. of refuse fat or tallow, and 2 lbs. of soft soap, just when the fluid begins to boil. Continue to heat until thoroughly saponified, a point which may be judged by the liquid clearing up; then gradually dilute to 4 gallons with water. Set aside to settle, and decant the clear portion.

### Information Supplied.

248/52. Oil of St. John's Wort.—In the "Pharmacopœia Universalis," by J. L. Jourdan, of Paris, there are several ways of making this. (1) Ol. sem. is made thus:—Seeds of St. John's Wort, any quantity. Bruise them, enclose the paste in a bag, express the oil without heat, and filter. (2) Flowers of St. John's Wort, 1 part; olive oil, 4 parts. Expose them to the rays of the sun for one week, then boil slightly, and strain. Repeat the operation two other times, the second with dried flowers and for a month. (3) Flowers of St. John's Wort, 3 lbs.; olive oil, 3 lbs.; white wine, 6 oz. Boil to the consumption of the humidity, express, and add Venice turps, 1 lb.; saffron, 2 drachms. Strain at the end of twenty-four hours. (4) Flowers of St. John's Wort, 72 parts; olive oil, 144 parts; turpentine, 72 parts. After 12 hours' digestion in a warm place, set aside to cool, express, and add powdered saffron, 1 part; triturate together. It is slightly excitant, and is considered vulnerary, anodyne, and pectoral.

I have frequently had to make the above for a customer, who provided the flowers. The method of proceeding was to put the flowers in a bottle or jar with a wide mouth, and pour sufficient olive oil over them to cover. Place the whole in a large saucepan of water, and boil till the oil is of a dark red colour. Strain, press, and filter.

Somerset. (238/51.)

Olcum hyperici, Balsamum hyperici simplex. — Flor. hyper., 4 oz.; ol. olivæ, 2 lbs. Infuse till oil is well coloured. Originally the expressed oil of sem. hyperici was used instead of olive oil.

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Further proof also is that Creasotic acid, having a melting-point of 150° to 151°, the more or less presence of Creasotic acid in Salicylic acid

would of necessity incline the melting-point towards 150°.

It is much to be regretted that B. FISCHER'S interesting paper in the *Pharmaceutische Zeitung* was not translated and published at the time in one of the leading pharmaceutical prints of this country, which would have saved a great deal of misconception, and would have enabled many of our able British Pharmacists to have examined the quality of Salicylic acid and the salts in use.

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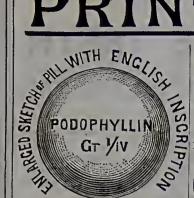
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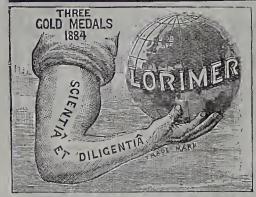
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VICE-CHANCELLOR SIR W. PAGE WOOD, by whom the suit in Chancery was first heard, stated in his judgment that 'Dr. J. Collis Browne was undoubtedly the Inventor of Chlorodyne, that the whole story of the Defendant Freeman was as deliberately untrue as the falsehood he had deposed to with reference to the use of his Chlorodyne in the Hospital.'

The VICE-CHANCELLOR also stated, 'that Chlorodyne was a fanciful name, and had application been made sooner, the

Court would have given Dr. Browne protection.'

LORD CHANCELLOR SELBORNE coincided with the judgment of the Vice-Chancellor upon this point, and stated 'that had application been made at a proper time and place, the Court would have found means to restrain the Defendant from misrepresenting the decision of the Vice-Chancellor.

LORD JUSTICE JAMES, on appeal, stated in his judgment, 'that the Defendant Freeman had made a deliberate misrepresentation of the decision of Vice-Chancellor Wood.'

It was proved in Court, on affidavit by Mrs. Forbes, of Paris, that the testimonial published in the Times, November 14th, 1865, speaking of the great efficacy of Chlorodyne in Cholera, referred to Dr. J. Collis Browne's Chlorodyne, and that she never used any other, that she had written to the Defendant Freeman to that effect; notwithstanding which notice the Defendant

publishes the said testimonial as referring to his medicine.

The Editor of the Medical Times, in his report on Chlorodyne, January 13th, 1866, gives information that the Chlorodyne referred to was the medicine introduced by a retired Army Medical Officer, which was Dr. J. Collis Browne; still this is published

by the Defendant as testimony to his medicine.

Numerous affidavits from eminent Physicians and others were produced in Court, stating that Dr. J. Collis Browne was the inventor of Chlorodyne, and that when prescribing they mean no other.

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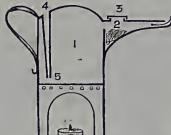
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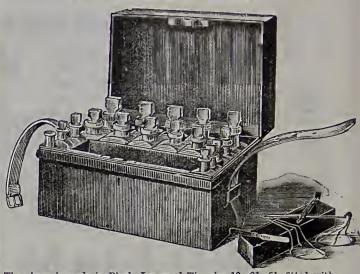
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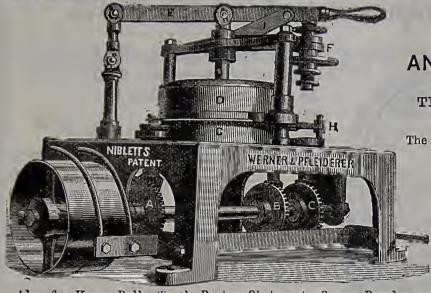




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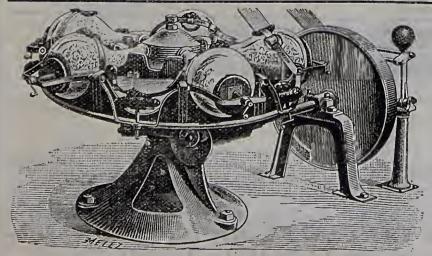
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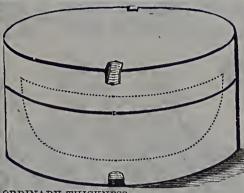
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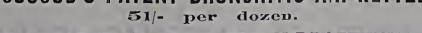
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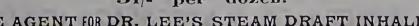
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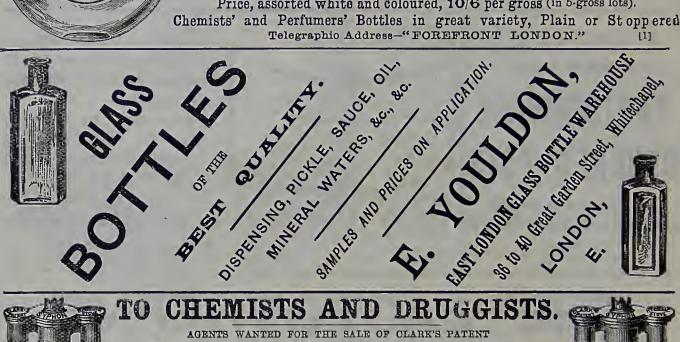
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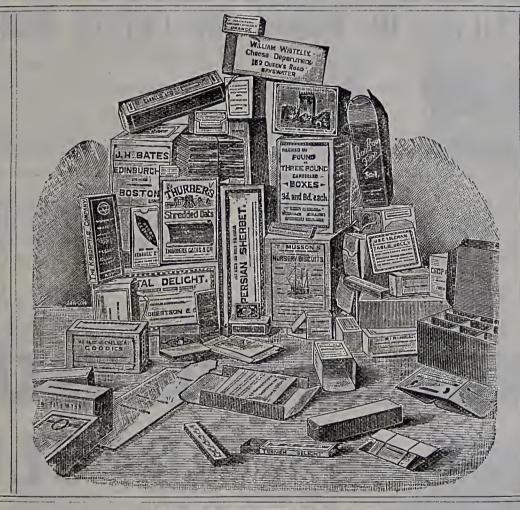
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